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SPAIN.

Seville and Cadiz Declare for the Duke of Montpensier for King.

PARIS, Monday, Jan. 25.

It is rumored that the cities of Seville and Cadiz have proclaimed in favor of the Duke of Montpensier for King of Spain.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Mail Contract Cancelled—Reverdy Johnson to Dine at Manchester.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 25.

The contract with the Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Steamship Line for carrying the mails between Sydney, New-South Wales and Panama, has been canceled.

Political news to-day is meagre and unimportant.

REVERDY JOHNSON has received and accepted an invitation to dine with the corporate authorities of Manchester some time in February.

CUBA.

The Revolutionary Disturbances in Havana—The Hostility Between Citizens and Spanish Volunteers—Men and Women Killed.

HAVANA, Monday, Jan. 25.

Most of the recent troubles between the citizens and soldiers in this city have taken place in the Paseo Maria Ward. Yesterday afternoon these disturbances broke out again in the same quarter. Some people on the house-tops fired upon the volunteers in the streets, and the latter returned the fire. It is not known whether any one was killed. At a late hour in the evening the house of Señor ALDAMA, a rich planter, who is suspected of giving aid and comfort to the revolutionists, was entered by Police officers, supported by a guard of volunteers, and searched for arms supposed to be hidden there. The building was badly damaged by the troops. The Spaniards assert that this house was one of those from which the volunteers were fired upon. At 9 o'clock on the same night, in the vicinity of the Louvre Coffee-house and the Tacon Theatre opposite, shots were fired at some volunteers who were passing through the street. The lower hall of the Louvre was crowded with people, who were utterly ignorant of what was going on outside or on the upper floors of the building. The detachment of volunteers halted, fired the "Louvre" and fired upon the guests indiscriminately, with fatal effect. Several Spanish gentlemen, Government employes and owners of the army were killed. Two German merchants, BOCKELING and LAWEMANN, and many other persons were dangerously wounded. SAMUEL COMINS, a well-known photographer from the United States, was attacked and killed near the Louvre about the same time by some armed men, who are supposed to have belonged to the volunteer force. While the audience was leaving the Villanueva Theatre, shots were fired by which two ladies and several children were killed.

The American schooner *Arrida*, formerly a Key West wrecker, has been brought to this port as a prize by the Spanish gunboat *Delia*, on suspicion of carrying supplies to the rebels. When discovered they pretended to be engaged in wrecking a ship lost on the Colorado Reefs. The *Arrida* cleared from Key West on the 8th for Sisal.

HAVANA, Monday, Jan. 25—6 P. M.

A meeting of the commanders of the volunteer forces in the city was held to-day. Captain-General DULCE was present, and said he deplored the recent occurrences. It was resolved that all volunteers, excepting those on guard, shall hereafter remain at their homes, and only come out when a signal of twelve guns is fired, or at the command of their chief officers. Meantime, until the arrival of additional regular troops from Spain, sailors from the Spanish men-of-war in the harbor are to perform patrol duty, and they are now patrolling the streets outside the walls. Business has been suspended since the commencement of the disturbances with the volunteers, but the people are now greatly relieved, the feeling of security is growing stronger, as the sailors are well disciplined, sober and faithful, and perform their duties to the satisfaction of all. The city is now (6 P. M.) perfectly quiet.

HAVANA, Jan. 25—10 o'clock P. M.

All sections of the city, inside and outside of the walls, are quiet. Nothing has occurred to-night to disturb the public tranquillity.

The killing of Mr. CORKER is the general theme of conversation and locked upon a cowardly assassination.

The Manner of Appointing Civil Officers in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Monday, Jan. 25.

Gen. STONEMAN issued an order to-day appointing Gens. WELCOX and GRANGER, and Col. FRANKLIN to constitute a Board which shall investigate and report on the applications for any of the offices in Virginia, except the executive State offices in the capital, and thus enable the commanding officer to fill the vacancies now existing, and which it is contemplated may exist within the next thirty days. All applications for office are to be addressed to Col. H. SCHEM, Recorder of the Board at Richmond.

The military, so far, have removed 720 civil officers, leaving about 3,000 offices whose occupants are ineligible and to be removed. The value of the offices range from $800 to $6,000 per annum.

The Mystery of the Philadelphia Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 25.

In order to test the fact that the fire in the Buck Block was not caused by the explosion of Hannaur's boiler, steam was raised this morning in the boiler among the ruins, proving that it was not injured. The origin of the fire is still a mystery, though it is generally supposed to have been the work of design, for the purpose of robbing the store during the confusion that would follow.

The Pennsylvania Legislature.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 25.

The Republicans in the Legislature having failed to pass the bill for retaining Tax Collector PRICE in office until the contest as to the legality of the election of his successor is decided, the Democratic candidate, Mr. MALZGORE, to-day took possession of the office.

Wreck of the British Gunboat Gnat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Jan. 25.

The English gunboat *Gnat* was wrecked Nov. 16 during a severe storm on Island Balabac, one of the Philippines. No particulars have been received.

E. G. RAMALLE, the Postmaster at Portland, Oregon, has been convicted of mail robbery and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment.

Work on the Pacific Railroads—The Route to be Opened Early this Year.

OMAHA, Nebraska, Monday, Jan. 25.

One thousand miles of the Union Pacific Railroad are now finished and in operation. The Central Pacific Railroad Company having built 500 miles, but 367 miles remain to be built. There is now no doubt that the entire line to the Pacific will be opened early this season. The earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad for the year 1868 are officially reported at $6,616,651 51.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 25.—JAY GOULD, of New-York, and party, arrived in this city last night. It is authoritatively stated that arrangements have been concluded for giving him the control of the Nashville road, the track of which will be made six feet wide. On the completion of the Ohio and Mississippi extension via North Vernon to this city, within twelve months, passengers may possibly go from New-York to New-Orleans by an unbroken variety group. Mr. GOULD and party leave this evening in the 8 o'clock train for Cincinnati.

BUFFALO, Jan. 25.—CAESUS M. ARNOLD, aged 22 years, hailing from Illinois, was arrested here yesterday afternoon when about taking the cars for Chicago, charged with issuing some thirty forged checks on business houses. ARNOLD has been visiting relatives here for the last three months. His trunk was well stocked with clothing, furs, &c., obtained by means of forged checks. He has been committed to jail for further examination.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 25.—Robbers attacked the house of Ex-Sheriff REUBEN KING, of Robinson County, near Dennis Depot, N. C., and wounded Mr. KING and a visitor named S. E. WARD. But little hopes are entertained for their recovery. The perpetrators of the crime escaped.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—The extensive pork-packing and lard establishment of BOSTON, SWALLOW & Co., in Brighton, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss was $60,000, on which there is a partial insurance.

WASHINGTON.

Mr. Edmunds' Bill for the Repeal of the Tenure-of-Office Act—Railroad Subsidies—Gen. Grant and the Alabama Treaty.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 25.

The Joint Retrenchment Committee, consisting of four members of the Senate and seven of the House, held a meeting this morning on the Tenure-of-Office repeal bill, which had been referred to that Committee by the Senate. Nine members were present. It was finally agreed to report a bill materially modifying the act, a decided majority being opposed to its repeal. The bill as modified is substantially the proposition of Mr. WILSON, introduced a few days ago. It excepts the Cabinet officers from its operation altogether. In regard to the power of suspension it modifies it so that the President may suspend any officer whenever he deems it for the public good, and while required, as in the present law, to report the fact of such suspension to the Senate within twenty days after it assembles, he is not required to give any reasons therefor. The Senate still retains the power of reinstating any person suspended by refusing to concur in such action, and the President himself is authorized to reinstate any suspended officer if satisfied that it ought to be done. Added to the bill are two sections embodying in modified form the principles of Senator EDMUNDS' bill prohibiting the holding of more than one office. As modified, it is confined to Federal offices exclusively and does not prevent temporary details to fill other positions, nor to details from the Army and Navy to temporarily fill civil positions.

RAILROAD SUBSIDIES.

Railroad subsidies in the shape of additions to the national debt, or any other shape involving the pecuniary responsibility of the Government, have been virtually disposed of for the session. Both branches of Congress were to-day chiefly engaged on railroad matters, but it was only in the House where any definite result was reached. The Senate bill for fifty-four miles further of bond subsidy for the Eastern Division of the Union Pacific Railroad came up as the special order after the morning hour, and Mr. LOGAN took the floor in a strong speech against it. He was followed by Mr. WILSON and Mr. SCHENCK in able speeches in favor of the bill. Mr. WASHBURNE then moved to lay the bill on the table, which failed—yeas 58, nays 99. This gave the friends of the bill heart; but the previous question on the bill and amendments being refused, LOGAN first moved to refer it to the Pacific Railroad Committee, but finally accepted JULIAN'S amendment to send it to the Committee on Public Lands, which was agreed to—yeas, 62; nays, 64. The bill thus dies for the session by strangulation, and it is conclusive as to the fate of all similar projects, inasmuch as it was the most plausible case of any, and had already passed the Senate.

GEN. GRANT AND THE ALABAMA TREATY.

Gen. GRANT is quoted to-night in well-informed circles as opposed to the ratification by the Senate of the protocol of the *Alabama* treaty, now pending in that body. He is reported to have expressed the opinion that the question of the *Alabama* claims is not so much a demand for the mere dollars and cents lost by the destruction of some of our vessels, as it is a question of injuries sustained by our commerce generally in driving our flag from the seas, and in protracting the war for at least two years by the support and sympathy accorded the South by England. This seems to indicate that Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON will be recalled at no very distant day, and that the entire question will be reopened on a totally different basis under the new Administration.

GEN. GRANT'S CABINET.

The statement attributed to Gen. GRANT, and which has caused considerable stir, to wit, that immediately after he is declared President he will communicate with the men whom he has fixed upon for his Cabinet, probably has no further foundation than this,—that a leading officer of his staff a few days ago, on being asked about the Cabinet, expressed the belief that Gen. GRANT was pursuing closely the policy he indicated immediately after his election, viz.: that he should keep his own counsel entirely until he received the official certificate; but that he, the staff officer, had reason to believe that as soon as that transpired, Gen. GRANT would take steps to indicate the men of his choice; and that, in the nature of things, it would not be possible, even if desirable, to observe the same degree of reticence as has existed hitherto. It is not impossible, therefore, that the anxious and curious public may know something more or less reliable by the middle of the coming month.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

Mr. YATES made an effort to-day to get an Executive Session, but the proposition was voted down by 24 to 13. The indications are that few if any more sessions for the transaction of executive business will be held before the 4th of March. The lobby, however, is clamoring for action on some of the important nominations, and it is barely possible that the Senate may be induced to dispose of some of them.

PAY OF SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVES.

An attempt was made to-day in the House to secure pay for the members from the reconstructed States for the full term of the Fortieth Congress. The resolution, as drawn, included only the Arkansas members, but was equally applicable to all the rest. It recited the precedents of the Louisiana and Tennessee members in the Thirty-seventh Congress, when both States were also represented in the Confederate Congress, and the case of the Tennessee members in the Thirty-ninth Congress, who were admitted during the second year of the term, but received pay for the full term. After numerous motions, the House evaded the responsibility of a direct vote by referring it to the Reconstruction Committee, though nobody could see what they have to do with it.

MR. SHERMAN'S FINANCIAL BILL.

Mr. SHERMAN made an effort to-day to postpone the unfinished business of Saturday, which was a mere Railroad scheme, and to take up the Financial bill reported from the Committee a few days ago in which the country is vastly more interested. The Senate, however, refused by a majority of 9 in a vote of 31 to make private secondary to public interest.

THE REDUCTION OF THE ARMY.

The Military Committee of the House resumed their investigations to-day, relative to the best means of effecting a reduction of the Regular Army. Gens. SCHENCK and HARDEE and TERRY gave their views at length on the subject. It is very doubtful whether any legislation will be adopted this session in the matter. There is a disposition in Congress to await the official views of Gen. GRANT before any action is taken.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 25.

The President presented the credentials of Mr. RAMSEY, Senator elect from Minnesota.

Mr. MORGAN presented memorials in favor of the reorganization of the Medical Department of the Navy.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE ACT.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Committee on Retrenchment, reported a bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office bill, with an amendment leaving the heads of departments (the Cabinet) subject to removal at the will of the President during a recess of the Senate, and authorizing him to suspend all other civil officers during such recess without having specific evidence to justify the suspension.

To provide for executing said act so as to allow the President to remove any member of his Cabinet during a recess of the Senate, and the United States Courts, whenever, during a recess of the Senate, in his opinion, any officer therein, civil or military, shall create some outrage, shocking to public sentiment, the power of such office until the next meeting of the Senate, said Senate, when it shall be in session, upon the Senate. And in case of such suspension it shall be the duty of the President, within twenty days after the first day of such meeting of the Senate, to report to the Senate such suspension, with the name of the person so suspended, the reason for the suspension of such office, and if the Senate shall concur in such suspension, and indorse and consent to the removal of such officer, then it shall be lawful for the President, who may thereupon remove such officer, and by and with the consent of the Senate appoint another person to such office. In case of disconcurrence of the Senate, the officer to be reinstated, but the ad interim appointment shall receive the emoluments of the office for the time during which he shall have performed the duties of the office, as illustry to revoke any suspension before reporting it to the Senate and reinstate the suspended officer.

Section 2 provides that the penalties provided in the act to which this is an amendment shall apply to violations of his act.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. EDMUNDS introduced a bill relating to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

It provides that the several General and Special Terms of the District Court and Criminal Court authorized by the act of March 3, 1863, organizing the Courts of the District which have been or may be held, shall be and are declared to be the lawfully Terms of the Supreme Court of the District, and the judgments, thereof, orders, &c., of said General and Special Terms heretofore or hereafter rendered or made shall be deemed judgments, decrees, orders, &c., of the Supreme Court of the District, provided the foregoing provision shall not affect the right to appeal as established by law.

THE REDUCTION OF THE ARMY.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the bill to provide for the reduction of the military forces and for other purposes, introduced by him on Jan. 11, 1869, with numerous amendments, providing that no person over 40 years old shall be appointed a chaplain; that chaplains shall not remain longer than five years at any post, and shall be replaced by chaplains of a different denomination; and that the number of appointments of Second Lieutenants to be made in the army shall not exceed fifty annually.

JUDGE ADVOCATES.

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, reported the House bill to fix the status of the Judge Advocates of the Army, with an amendment making the number of such officers ten instead of twelve.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. FESSENDEN, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a joint resolution appropriating $50,000 for improvements to the Interior Building, and $10,000 for the annual rent of another building on Getreet. It also authorizes the removal and storage in the basement of the Interior Building of models that have been on hand for seventeen years, and models relating to applications for patents that have not been granted.

A PENSION FOR MRS. LINCOLN.

The President laid before the Senate a petition of Mrs. LINCOLN, widow of the late President, asking for a yearly pension.

The petition is written on note paper, with a heavy mourning border, and reads as follows:

To the Honorable Vice President of the United States:

SIR: I hereunto respectfully present to the honorable Senate of the United States an application for a pension. I am a widow of a President of the United States who sacrificed his life in his country's service. That had calamity not sacrificed his health, and by the advice of my physicians, I have come over to Germany to try the mineral waters, and during the Winter I intend to visit Italy, but unless Congress permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me, my could I live in a state becoming the widowed Chief Magistrate of a great nation. Although I live as economically as I can, in consideration of the great services my deeply lamented husband has rendered to the United States, and of the fearful loss I have sustained by his untimely death—he died murdered, I may say—I respectfully submit to your honorable body this petition, hoping that a yearly pension may be granted me so that I may have my permanent home.

I remain, most respectfully,

(Signed) MRS. A. LINCOLN,
Frankfort, Germany.

It was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. HOWARD moved to take up the resolution to more effectually insure the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad according to law.

Mr. CONKLING objected, and it went over.

THE SENATOR FROM GEORGIA.

Mr. STEWART, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That JOSHUA HILL, claiming to be a Senator elect from Georgia, is not entitled now to be permitted to take a seat in this body.

Mr. TRUMBULL presented a dissenting minority report, which, with the majority report, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENDRICKS said he had intended to submit a report himself dissenting from that of the majority, but he had been unwell for a week past to prepare it. He would, however, when the subject should come before the Senate, express his views in regard to it.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. MORTON moved to take up the House bill for the relief of WM. MCGARAHAN, which was postponed at the last session.

Mr. WILLIAMS remarked that the bill could not be revived in that way without discussion.

Mr. CONKLING said it could not be revived in that way at all.

Mr. SUMNER expressed his opinion that by the uniform practice of the Senate indefinite postponement was equivalent to the rejection of a bill.

Messrs. DAVIS, FESSENDEN, MORTON and SHERMAN commended that it had only the force of a rejection from that session.

This point was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, which brought up the unfinished business of Saturday.

THE UNION PACIFIC BRANCH RAILROAD.

The bill relating to the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad was taken up.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to postpone it so as to take up the bill in relation to the public debt and the currency, reported by him from the Committee on Finance.

Mr. HOWARD opposed the motion, and urged the friends of the Central Pacific Railroad Branch bill to keep it before the Senate.

The yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. SHERMAN'S motion, and it was lost by a vote of 21 to 20, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Buckalew, Cattell, Cole, Conkling, Davis, Dixon, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, Howe, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Patterson of Tennessee, Sherman, Spencer, Wade, Williams—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Cameron, Chandler, Conness, Corbett, Cragin, Doolittle, Drake, Ferry, Fessenden, Harlan, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Howard, Kirkpatrick, Morrill of Maine, Nye, Pomeroy, Ross, Sumner, Tipton, Patterson, Ross, Sawyer, Stewart, Thayer, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Vickers, Welch—27.

The remainder of the afternoon session was occupied in discussion of the bill relating to the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. STEWART advocated the bill.

Mr. FESSENDEN said that, on examination of the case, he had reluctantly been led to the conclusion that the parties whose interests would be affected by this bill were entitled to such relief as it would give them. He had reached this conclusion reluctantly, because he was opposed to this kind of railroad generally. He was one of the Senators who had refused to vote for the original Pacific Railroad bill, not because he was not in favor of the construction of a Pacific Railroad, but because he believed it ought to be constructed and owned by the Government.

Mr. HOWE made an argument against the bill. It was a measure injurious to public interests, and, in his judgment not required in order to preserve the public faith, because no legal right of the Central Branch Company had been infringed by any act of Congress.

Mr. CONKLING said that in order to make out the equitable claim upon which this bill was advocated by its friends, it must be shown to be true that the Central Branch Company were required by contract with Congress to build their railroad where they did build it, and thereby to reach a connection with the Eastern Division of the Pacific Railroad in the valley of the Republican Fork of the Kaw River; that the law required the Eastern Division of the Pacific Road to go through the Republican Valley to the main line; that, relying upon the law, the claimants built their road where it is; that after they had thus invested their money the course of the Eastern Division was changed or permitted to be changed by Congress, so as not to touch the point at which, had not such change been made, the junction with the eligible road would have been made, and that the land grants and money provided for in the bill are necessary to put the claimants in the position. His investigation had, however, satisfied him that all the propositions were false, not merely in particulars, but in their general scope, and therefore he opposed the bill, though pressed by the "roaring lions of the lobby."

While Mr. CONKLING was speaking, he yielded for a motion by Mr. YATES to go into Executive Session, which was lost by a vote of 15 yeas to 24 nays.

Mr. DOOLITTLE rose to reply, but gave way for a motion to adjourn, which was agreed to, and at 4:35 the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under the call of States for bills and joint resolutions, the following were introduced, read twice, and referred as follows:

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. KELSEY—To provide for funding and paying the national debt, &c. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOORHEAD—For the relief of Paymasters. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS—For the amendment of the act of Feb. 25, 1867, for a change in certain collection districts in North and South Carolina and Virginia. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BEAMAN—To repeal section 14 of the act of July 28, 1866, to collect the revenue. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WHITTEMORE—For a committee of seven to investigate the irregularities in the recent election in South Carolina, especially in the Third and Fourth Congressional Districts. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

By Mr. CLIFT—Making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Savannah River. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. KELLOGG—Directing the Postmaster-General to open negotiations with the several European Governments for a further reduction in the rates of international postage. Referred to the Post Office Committee. Also, several memorials of the Alabama Legislature for grants of land for internal improvements.

By Mr. BUCKLEY, of Alabama—To revive and renew a certain grant of public lands to Alabama. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. BUCKLEY, of Alabama—Making provision for the representation of the other two-fifths of persons heretofore held in slavery. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

By Mr. TRIMBLE, of Kentucky—To amend the act of July, 1867, for the removal of causes from State to Federal Courts. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. CULLOM—In relation to printing the collection of the proceedings of the soldiers' graves in May last. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. GRAVELY—To facilitate the early construction of the Atlantic and Pacific and other railroads. Referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad.

By Mr. ROGERS—To perfect and complete railroad and telegraphic communication with the Pacific Ocean. Same reference.

By Mr. FERRY—To restore pensions to soldiers employed in the civil service, and withheld from them prior to June, 1866. Referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILSON, of Iowa—To amend the act of March 3, 1863, to reorganize the Courts of the District of Columbia. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. PRICE—To authorize the construction of a railroad from Davenport, Iowa, to Topeka, Kansas. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. CLARK, of Kansas—Concurrent resolutions of the Kansas Legislature in favor of the transfer of the control of Indian affairs to the War Department. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TAFFE—Explanatory of an act to authorize the selection of School Districts in Alabama. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Also, granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Sioux City, Iowa, to Columbus, Nebraska. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. FLANIGAN, of Washington Territory—Authorizing the Counties of Walla Walla, Clark and others, in Washington Territory, to aid in the construction of the Columbia River Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. CHILCOTT—A memorial and joint resolution of the Colorado Legislature relative to Indian depredations. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROBINSON—Declaring that the people of the United States will not approve of the ratification of the treaty for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims, one of our steamers with England, while American citizens are held in prison in Great Britain for crimes done under the American flag, and that the people think the settlement of the *Alabama* claims of very little importance. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COBLEY, of South Carolina—For the better protection of loyal men at the South, instructing the Committee on Reconstruction to report special legislation for that purpose, to be carried out by the aid of the military. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

By Mr. PRUYN—To incorporate the Southern Express Company. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ELIOT—To create a Department of Indian Affairs, and to provide for the consolidation, civilization and government of the Indian tribes. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Also, a memorial in the same subject from the representatives of seven yearly meetings of the Religious Society of Friends, coming from fifteen States, which was ordered to be printed in the *Globe*.

By Mr. MCKEE—To amend the act of April 9, 1866, to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to provide for its effectual enforcement. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. ASHLEY, of Nevada—To aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Boise City, Idaho, to the Humboldt River. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

THE ARKANSAS MEMBERS.

Mr. SHANKS, on behalf of the Arkansas delegation, offered a resolution for the payment of the members of the House, from Arkansas, for the full term of the Fortieth Congress, reciting precedents in the case of the Louisiana and Tennessee members.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Which was lost by a vote of 79 yeas to 88 nays.

Mr. SHANKS moved the previous question, but it was not seconded.

Mr. MAYNARD moved the reference of the resolution to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, desired to move its reference to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. MAYNARD declined to let the amendment be offered, and moved the previous question, which was seconded.

Mr. WASHBURNE called for the yeas and nays on ordering the main question.

The yeas and nays were ordered.—yeas 108, nays 52, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

The morning hour having expired, the next business in order was the consideration of the Constitutional Amendment and the bill relating to suffrage reported from the Judiciary Committee by Mr. BOUTWELL, who remarked that the gentlemen who desired to speak on the bill and Constitutional Amendment were not prepared to-day, and he moved a postponement of further consideration until Wednesday next. Agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. BROOMS last Saturday was misprinted. It is proposed was to give the franchise to all persons, native or foreign, over 18 years of age, without regard to sex as well as to color or race.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

Mr. BROOMS presented a memorial from the New-York Chamber of Commerce against further amendments of the Bankrupt law till the present law is better tried.

THE TAX ON DRUGS.

Also a petition from a large number of eminent physicians for relief from the heavy tax on foreign drugs and medicines, none of them coming into competition with American articles.

THE DUTY ON SALT.

Mr. O'NEILL presented a petition of importers and merchants of Philadelphia for the reduction of the duty on salt to 50 per cent. ever cost.

THE DENVER PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The House then, at 1:45 o'clock, resumed the consideration of the bill granting land and the right of way to the Denver Pacific Railway and Telegraph Company, and was addressed by Mr. LOGAN in opposition to the bill.

Mr. LOGAN opposed granting any more subsidies at this time that would increase the liabilities of the Government. He said that he would not give way to any man in his desire to advance civilization and develop the great resources and wealth of this nation; but whether this was true the interest of the public demanded primary consideration. Legislation for the enrichment of individuals and private corporations to the detriment and injury of the masses of the people should cease. He said that all arguments made in favor of granting this subsidy were stricken upon those who opposed it, as though they were opposed to building railroads, canals or other great improvements, or developing the country, and were not reasons given why they should vote otherwise. He showed that the Company could easily build the road without the subsidy asked, and would then have a large profit besides the ownership of the road, over what they already have had. He showed that the road had received in violation of law, by some strange means, over one million of dollars; that the law originally allowed them to go to the one hundredth meridian, and then the Government gave them 10,000 public subsidy, besides the land granted; that afterward, in 1866, they were permitted to swing off to the East to Denver, or in that direction, receiving the same amount of subsidy that they would have received had they made the junction with the Union Pacific at the one hundredth meridian, and instead of the distance thus they would make up that point they had received subsidy to Fort Wallace, in the direction of Denver, a distance of seventy miles more than to the point designated on the route. He showed that the subsidy taken in connection with what they had received, would be for the hundred and twenty-four miles more than they originally asked, or than was ever contemplated by the original grant. He saw that since this road had been allowed to swing out from the Union Pacific, the little "shoestring" road from Atchison claims that it is left out in the cold without any place to go, and hence it must be permitted to go to the one hundredth meridian, to the point where the Eastern Division should have made the junction, and must have subsidy from the Government for that purpose, thereby substituting a two hundred or some road, dictating on the Government. This was the game of the old cat and her kittens; the kittens followed for the game played by the old cat. This road came from the Senate to the House for only $1,000,000 more, which means for this session, and right on its heels follows the kittens; being a little more hungry, it must have $2,000,000. He showed that the road had demonstrated the proposition in reference to the distance and the double subsidy involved by the change of the route. He then argued that the passing of this subsidy in Congress, against the interest and wish of the country, against the expressed opinions of the incoming Administration, showed our entire disregard of all obligations to the people, and a reckless indifference as to the political welfare of those whom they asked to give it their support. He then argued in favor of the adoption of his substitute, or of some kindred measure. He said I have provided in this substitute that the United States may guarantee the interest on the bonds of the road by the road giving first mortgage to the Government, and depositing of all times sufficient to pay said interest in the Treasury of the United States. This will secure a market for the bonds, and thereby the Company will be able to build the road, and the Government not become involved, or the public debt increased. What more should they want? If they are honest and do not ask the subsidy of the Government in order to swindle the Government out of it by taking possession of the road under the first mortgage, and selling the Government so unsold, they would be willing to take the road and be glad of it. He further argued that the substitute provided for the settlers on the land of said Company, so that the land should be put into market as fast as the road was built, and the money arising from the sale of the land should become a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds of the Company, and thereby protect all against fraud to the bondholders, the Government and the settlers. He insisted that that unless we adopt something of this kind, the subsidy for this road had only just begun; and that no man could tell where the road was going to, or where it would end. He denominated it the best road, and the reason that the road had not lost by first trying to join the Union Pacific at the hundredth meridian, then running to Cheyenne Wells, or to Denver, to Antelope Pass, or to the town of Cheyenne, or to Antonchico, or to Santa Fé or El Paso, Santa Cruz, or some place. No one could tell by this bill, or by the map of their surveys, or by what they said, where it was to go. He concluded by saying that he was willing that roads should be built whenever capital would invest. Let capital, he said, like the dews of Heaven, seek its own channel, but let us not involve the Government in any more debt than we have done, and especially when the aid of the Government is not at all essential in the manner asked by these parties.

After Mr. LOGAN had concluded, Mr. WINDOM next addressed the House for five minutes. He said he had sought the floor for the purpose of repeating an old and long-accepted maxim that figures will not lie. He believed that when arranged in certain forms they are the greatest liars on the earth. He thought that they had been so arranged the other day in the statement of the gentleman from Illinois, (Mr. LOGAN,) that the Government had loaned 100,000,000 acres of public lands to aid in constructing railroads, and that that was one-third of the public domain. The fact was that instead of its being one-third it was only one-tenth of the public domain. Mr. WINDOM then went on to argue that the increased value given to public lands for the railroads made the land grants a good speculation for the Government.

Mr. SCHENCK took the floor, for the purpose, he said, of defining his position on the subject before the House. He believed a railroad connection between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to be a necessity, and that had it not been for the undertaking of the great work the Pacific States would not be held at this time as a part of the Union. He favored the pending bill. He wanted this road as a branch of the Union Pacific Road, and he also wanted it as a part for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He believed that the popular clamor against the Union Pacific Railroad was not one that rested fairly on the aversion of the people to the execution of such great works of public improvement, but that it arose on the supposed abuses if not actual abuses existing on the part of those who were charged with carrying out those schemes of the General Government. He had been in Congress many years ago when an immense grant of land had been made to the Illinois Central Railroad, and although the directors of that Company may have feathered their nests he did not regret that grant. It was the means to open the great State of Illinois and give it an impetus in progress and improvement which had put it forward a whole century, and it lay least of all in the mouths of citizens of Illinois to oppose appropriations of this kind when their own State was one of the most extraordinary monuments of the wisdom of that policy as pursued by the General Government. It had been suggested by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LOGAN) that the General Government was opposed to this bill. He (Mr. SCHENCK) knew on the contrary that while Gen. GRANT was opposed to loose and large subsidies, he thought it very hard that this little improvement might not have its chance with the rest, as a branch of the Union Pacific, as a memorial to the Southern purposes to Cheyenne Wells, and as perhaps affording a starting point at some future day for a road extending to the Pacific through Lower California. But if it were true that it was against the wish of the President elect he (SCHENCK) should still vote according to his own judgment and sense of duty, undeterred by any such intimidation. He should be very sorry to differ with anybody so respectable as Gen. GRANT, but the vote he was to give to-day and on future occasions was his own vote, and he thought he should be more respected by Gen. GRANT himself for giving an independent vote according to his judgment and convictions than if he were first to seek to find out Gen. GRANT'S views.

Mr. LOGAN said that his remarks had been misapprehended. He had not said that Gen. GRANT had expressed any opinion as to the proposed road. He had never talked with him on the subject. He had said that the Railroad Company was asking the House to vote against the opinions of their constituents, against the platform on which the members had been nominated, and against the understood and expressed views of the President elect on railroad subsidies.

Mr. SCHENCK said he had certainly understood that the remark was thrown out as a reason why members should not vote for the bill. He favored the proposition to give the Government bonds for grants, but he would strive in the future to have them better guarded.

Mr. BINGHAM spoke for five minutes in support of the bill.

Mr. O'NEILL followed on the same side, replying to the arguments made against the bill, and stating that it only asked the Government to guarantee bonds to the amount of $664,000, being for fifty-four miles at $16,000 per mile. He believed that the men who carried out these great works would be entitled to the gratitude of the country, and that members of Congress who voted for such propositions would be considered as men ready to see the country move on to its contemplated greatness.

Mr. SPALDING—Are you willing to vote for a Northern railroad?

Mr. O'NEILL—I am willing to vote for this.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, in his seat—He is willing to vote for any road.

Mr. O'NEILL—No, Sir; I deny it. I will vote for whatever is right and against whatever is wrong.

The Speaker informed Messrs. WASHBURNE and O'NEILL that they must not indulge in interlocutory remarks.

Mr. COVODE took the floor to close the debate. He was actuated from the temper of the House that it was useless to make a little speech. He had been represented that the Company did not intend to build the road to Denver. He was satisfied to did. An attempt had been made by the gentleman from Illinois to cast ridicule on his ideas of civilization, but he would tell that gentleman that the time was coming when the people of the United States would have to grapple with the institutions of Asia on the Pacific Coast. The time was coming within the next half century, when civilization would no longer travel westward on the Pacific Ocean; they would have to meet the institutions of Asia, and to grapple with them. It becomes the duty of Congress, therefore, to see that the American people and institutions occupy that territory. He moved the previous question on the passage of the bill.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table.

Mr. RANDALL called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. WASHBURNE moved that there be a call of the House; he wanted all members to be present and show their hands.

A call of the House was not ordered.

The question was taken, and the House refused to lay the bill on the table—yeas 66, nays 82. The following is the vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Arnell, Baily, Baker, Baldwin, Barnes, Beaman, Beatty, Benton, Bingham, Blair, Boutwell, Boyer, Brooks, Broomall, Buckland, Burr, Butler, Cake, Chanler, Churchill, Clarke of Ohio, Cobb, Cook, Cornell, Cullom, Delano, Eliot, Farnsworth, Ferris, Fox, Fields, Garfield, Golladay, Grover, Haight, Harding, Hawkins, Hopkins, Hubbard of Connecticut, Ingersoll, Jones, Kasson, Kelley, Kelsey, Kerr, Kitchen, Lafin, Lawrence of Ohio, Lounsbery, Marshall, McCarthy, McClelland, Orth, Paine, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pinsto, Price, Pruyn, Randall, Raum, Rice, Rogers, Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Shellabarger, Spalding, Stackweather, Stevens, Sypher, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Horn of New York, Van Trump, Vidal, Ward, Washburn of Ill., Washburn of Mass., Washburne, Welker, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Ohio, Wilson of Pennsylvania, Woodward, Wright, Wyman—66.

NAYS—Messrs. Archer, Arthur, Ashley of Nevada, Axtell, Barnum, Beck, Benjamin, Blackburn, Boles, Boyer, Brown, Cowell of Illinois, Buckley, Butler of Tennessee, Cake, Collin, Clarke of Kansas, Clift, Coburn, Corley, Covode, Dawes, Dockery, Dodge, Donnelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eggleston, Eldridge, Eliot of Massachusetts, El

AN OCEAN-BOUND REPUBLIC.

Letter from Mr. Joseph Medill—The Monroe Doctrine—Views of Gen. Grant.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a recent issue of your paper it is editorially stated that:

"Mr. JOSEPH MEDILL, of Chicago, has written a letter to Gen. RAWLINS, setting forth how very much we need and want Canada, and insisting, in the next place, that if Great Britain refuses to cede it to us on demand, on account of her having aided the Southern rebellion, we must take it. And he then proceeds to show how easily we could do this. He says the people of Canada are of the same race and religion as ourselves. As to race, setting aside our negro element, this may be true; but if Mr. MEDILL's proposition is to be accepted as a fair specimen of our religion, we fear the Canadians would demur to being considered as of the same. Mr. MEDILL may fancy himself a very bold and dashing statesman; but we doubt whether he will convert either Gen. RAWLINS or the people at large to his peculiar views."

If you will allow me the use of your columns to explain, I think you will be convinced that the people at large entertain very similar opinions, and need no conversion to my "peculiar views," and that "our religion" will not suffer by comparison with that practiced in Great Britain or her Canadian Colonies, in the years 1861-2-3-4-5, while the fate of our Union hung in the balance.

For the opinions I entertain in regard to the territorial expansion of this nation, I have no apologies to offer, for I believe they are sound, and also in sympathy with those held by a vast majority of the American people. I am a firm supporter of the "Monroe doctrine," and hold that America should be ruled by Americans; that the monarchy of the island of Britain has no just right to govern a foot, much less one-third of North America, and that the time is quickly approaching when that Power must relinquish its rule on this side of the Atlantic. The colonial period of America should be terminated.

With this preamble, let me explain how my letter came to be written. About two months ago, upon reading the Galena speech of Gen. JOHN A. RAWLINS, which was delivered on the eve of the late Presidential election, and published in full in the NEW-YORK TIMES, I wrote him a letter indorsing that portion of it wherein he predicted the territorial expansion of the United States in the near future to embrace the entire Continent of North America. The leading idea in the General's speech was in regard to the future power, grandeur and extent of our Republic. Now, that slavery was abolished and that apple of discord removed, there could be no future sectional rebellions, as our institutions were now homogeneous; that railroads and telegraphs had so overcome time and distance that territorial extent was no longer a formidable obstacle to Government, and that our admirable system of State Governments, attending to all local and municipal affairs, rendered it practicable to extend the area of the National authority indefinitely, and without detracting from its strength or cohesiveness. The General, in his closing remarks, spoke of the

"Deep hold upon the affections of the Democracy that STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS had attained by his defence of the action of Gen. JACKSON, which BUCHANAN, AN that apologized for, as constitutional upon the ground that it was necessary to the defence of the Union and Government under it, and that whatever might tend to preserve the Constitution and keep the Union intact was constitutional; how he had electrified their progressive ideas and made himself their leader, by his declaration in the Oregon controversy with Great Britain, that the country should be put at once in a state of preparation so that if war should result from the assertion of our rights, we might drive Great Britain out of the last vestige of royal authority from the continent of North America and make the United States 'an ocean-bound Republic!' 'An ocean-bound Republic!'—an idea in eloquent accord with the feeling of manifest destiny within us!"

There were other passages in the speech of similar purport. These views were so completely in consonance with my own that on the spur of the moment I wrote the General, who is a personal acquaintance and a fellow Illinoisian, a letter intended to be private, fully indorsing his ideas of "manifest destiny." And in the freedom of epistolary correspondence I said that in the event of Great Britain's refusal to pay the *Alabama* and other claims, and to make reparation for the grievous wrongs and injuries she inflicted upon us during the rebellion, it would afford a good and sufficient *casus belli*, and that in the event of a war with Britain we could secure ample indemnity for our claims for damages, by seizing her North American possessions, which by the doctrine of nationalities and of natural boundaries, properly belonged to our Union; and it was suggested that in the treaty of peace we should give Great Britain a receipt in full for all she owes us, and $100,000,000 for her quit claim to the Dominion, in order to restore friendship and avoid future unpleasantness.

I think the latter proposition a remarkably liberal one, as compared with what our Government gave Mexico for the 900,000 square miles of valuable territory which was wrested from her on the hundredth part of the provocation that Great Britain has given us.

This letter, by some means or mischance, fell into the hands of a Washington newspaper correspondent, who straightway rushed it into print; and from that time until the present I have been the subject of newspaper comments in the United States and Canada, less flattering than censorious. I hesitate not to confess that the letter was rather carelessly composed, and that to render its meaning free from misconstruction, a couple of paragraphs should have been transposed, and a few qualifying sentences introduced. But having no thought that it was destined to run the gauntlet of journalistic criticism, it was thrown together with the haste and freedom that mark almost all letters to friends not intended for the public eye.

Some of those who have commented on my letter to Gen. RAWLINS, profess to be horrified with the idea of rescuing Great Britain's insults, or pressing her for reparation for the injuries she inflicted on us when she thought we were unable to strike back. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON's fawning diplomacy and disgraceful protocol exactly suit such editors; but for them and their strictures I feel profound contempt. Other newspapers take the ground that no matter about our claims on Great Britain, we do not want any more territory; that the United States are large enough now, and should never be larger; and that it would cost a great deal of money to drive the British out of the Dominion, and that British North America would be of little use to us if we had it.

The anti-territorial notions of this class of editors are inherited from the defunct Whig Party, but find no place in the platforms of either the Republican or Democratic Parties for their support or justification. Opposition to territorial growth was one of the diseases of which the Whig Party died. Its fossil leaders were eternally croaking that "the Union was too large already, and must not be expanded any farther, else it would fall to pieces of its own weight." But these views were not in harmony with the sentiments of the masses. The American people have precisely the same love for more land, the same desire for territorial expansion, that characterize the British branch of the Anglo-Saxon race. And it does not lie in the mouth of any Canadian royalist or British Tory to censure Americans for following their own precedents. Beginning with the conquest of Ireland and the bloody wars waged for the subjugation of Scotland, the British have acquired territory all over the Globe by force of arms. Every inch of her present possessions in North America was obtained by warfare. It is the boast of Britons that the sun never sets upon their Empire, and that the "Cross of St. George" is continuously saluted by the morning reveille of her red-coats. Although Great Britain never had as much cause of provocation for declaring war against any Power as the United States have against her, yet our Government may deem it best to ignore her bullying belligerence during our civil war, her blockade-running; her private cruisers that lit up the ocean with the flames of our merchantmen; her active aid to the rebels in money and munitions of war; our Government may conclude to overlook the haste with which that Power recognized the rebels as belligerents, and the immense assistance her subjects gave the insurgents, by reason of which interference the struggle was prolonged at least eighteen months, adding a thousand millions to our own debts, and sacrificing the lives of 100,000 brave young men; and the fact may be winked out of sight that the British were the only foreigners who interfered in any way, or failed to observe a decent neutrality. Our Government, I say, may overlook all these wrongs and insults, including the dastardly Trent affair, and for a few millions of dollars coaxed out of their British lordships and royal highnesses, sign a receipt in full for all injuries, indignities and losses inflicted on us during the dark and dubious days of the slaveholders' rebellion.

Our Government, as administered at this time, is of an exceedingly forgiving disposition, that of Moses and patient as Job, and willing to obey the injunction, that when smitten on one cheek to turn the other to receive a blow. Perhaps this humility is for the best. I have only recalled these things to show that I was not guilty of advocating an unprovoked war with Great Britain in my letter to Gen. RAWLINS, and am therefore, not deserving of the censure which some of the papers have seen fit to cast upon me.

A word more in regard to the acquisition of territory. Every addition hitherto made, whether by purchase or conquest, has proved popular with the people and disastrous to the politicians who were so short-sighted as to oppose it. The desire for territorial expansion is inseparable from our rapid national growth. It is an instinct of nationality and a characteristic of the race to which we belong. Ours is the colonizing, emigrating, land-getting, expanding Anglo-Saxon family of mankind. It is a self-governing race, and impatient of external metes and bounds.

"No pent up Utica contracts our powers,
But the whole boundless continent is ours."

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS once said that the attempt might as well be made to hoop in a young oak to prevent its growth as to think of limiting the territorial expansion of the Union until it embraced the entire continent of North America.

The determination to acquire more territory was born during the Revolutionary War, and will live while the Republic increases in population. Look at the territorial development already made. When independence was declared the area of the thirteen colonies was not 300,000 square miles. But when the war ended, the new Union obliged Great Britain not only to acknowledge its independence, but to cede 470,000 square miles of land that lay westward and extending to the Mississippi. And had it not been for the untimely interference of JOHN ADAMS with the treaty of peace which BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was negotiating with the British Plenipotentiaries, Upper and Lower Canada would have been included in the cession. For the full particulars of this matter the reader is referred to PARTON's *Life of Franklin*.

A few years later, during JEFFERSON's administration, France was induced to sell our Government 900,000 square miles of territory, known as the Louisiana purchase, which embraces Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and all our territory to the Pacific, for forty years. In 1821 we secured Florida from Spain. In 1836 American filibusters drove the Mexicans out of Texas, and set up the "Lone Star" Government, but in 1845 it yielded to the force of "manifest destiny" and was annexed to the Union, adding 237,000 square miles to our national domain. In 1846 our Government was successful in discovering a cause of quarrel with Mexico, which resulted in transferring 562,000 more square miles of the territory of that imbecile Power to the jurisdiction of the United States. Out of this acquisition we have carved California, Nevada, Utah, New-Mexico and Arizona. Our Government was sorely tempted at the time to annex the whole of Mexico, but for some reason only took half, and reserved the remainder for another occasion. Already there is considerable "talk" of acquiring Lower California and the Northern States of Mexico; and who doubts that it will be done sooner or later? I pass over the territory acquired under the Ashburton treaty, and the Mesilla Valley purchase of 1855, to note the strongest instance of the power of the sentiment or instinct of national unity and expansion yet exhibited. The Republic, up to 1861, to outward seeming, was a harmonious and homogeneous nation; but in truth it was composed of two opposite and hostile systems of civilization—one founded on free and the other on slave labor. After exhausting compromises and concessions, it was found impossible to harmonize and reconcile these two systems, and war came. In the South, slavery was prized above Union. In the North, Union was the paramount idea, and, finding that Union could not be regained while slavery existed, the North abolished it, and brought back the "wayward sisters" to their vacated places in the Union, after the most terrible and bloody struggle recorded in history. The cause of the secession being removed, there is no longer a motive for disunion, and the instinct of nationality is the paramount force. The Union is now homogeneous in its institutions and civilization. And already the wheels of manifest destiny begin to revolve. Hardly were the dead on the last battle-field of the rebellion interred, before the Russian Possessions on this continent were purchased—territory, for which we have no present use; but it is another step toward the final consummation. I will not trouble your readers by enumerating the other negotiations in progress or contemplation for the acquisition of more territory; nor shall I dwell on the uneasy and dissatisfied condition of the British colonies with their political and commercial *status*. That these colonies will become States of the American Union is as sure as fate itself. The correspondent who made my letter to Gen. RAWLINS public prefaced it with some comments which the great mass of the people will heartily indorse. He said, among other things:

"The desire for territorial expansion is one of the most natural and certain incidents of collective patriotism. It is an instinct inseparable from a healthy nationality. Growth is as much the law of a nation as of a man. The desire is natural to an enlightened community. Vigorous nationalities have always possessed it in the highest degree. Under favorable circumstances expansion becomes a necessity, and knows no law. It is then, by an expressive Americanism, called 'manifest destiny.' Patriotism is not incompatible with the desire of the shepherd's peaceful life with his flocks and meads. For where would then be history and human progress? The sentiment of glory was not implanted in the human breast for nothing. Patriotism means both the preservation and development of the nationality. An exalted patriotism has lately expended its force in maintaining the unity of the Union. It found its highest and brightest expression in the war for the Union. Its next expression will be in the demand for territorial expansion northward. The frugal, moral, industrious people of the superior races who inhabit British America are needed to incorporate into our body politic, and to assimilate with the absorption of its inferior Spanish-American races. The Spanish-American, with whom we shall sooner or later have to deal, is not constitutionally nor by education a good citizen. Both the English and French Canadians are eminently so. We need the people on our northern frontier almost as much as we need the territory. Both are our natural complement. In every sense British America is a necessity to the proper development of the American nation, and a necessity which will be felt more and more strongly until it becomes an irresistible one."

If Gen. RAWLINS did not inspire these words, I am confident they reflect his views and sentiments, and those of the other members of Gen. GRANT's military family.

What Gen. GRANT's own opinions are touching these questions, or what he thinks of Great Britain's unfriendly and malicious conduct toward us during the war, or how far he may be inclined to apply the Monroe Doctrine to that Power, I know not, and have never sought to know; but, judging from the pratical, straight-forward, executive character which he has developed, I feel quite sure that he shares the general disgust and dissatisfaction with REVERDY JOHNSON's course in England, and that he will deal with the *Alabama* question, and other matters in dispute, in a manner becoming the rights, dignity and power of this nation. In the meantime, let no man stand in the way of the chariot of "manifest destiny," or try to prolong the colonial vassalage to a European island, of the people of the Dominion who by race, civilization, interest and contiguity naturally form a part of the great Republic of America.

Yours truly, JOSEPH MEDILL.

STARVATION AT SEA.

Arrival of a British Bark at Philadelphia, after One Hundred and Five Days' Passage from Liverpool.

From the Philadelphia Morning Post, Jan. 25.

On Saturday the British bark *Cadet*, Capt. CHEESEMAN, laden with earthenware, consigned to the firm of PETER T. WRIGHT & CO., arrived here from Liverpool, which port she left on the 9th day of October last. The bark, while sailing down the Irish Channel, on her fifth day out, encountered her first trouble. She was struck by a heavy gale from the northwest, that being a good strong vessel of five hundred tons, and having on board fourteen hands, season, etc., she commander and provisions for a seven weeks' voyage, this trouble was not considered of particular importance. They followed three days of fair weather, with a good breeze, and she sailed smoothly along until the morning of the 17th of October, when she again encountered a gale which buffeted her on the maddened waves until the 22d. The storm then subsided, and the wornout crew again had rest and good weather, making rapid headway to the course marked out. The weather, however, soon changed, and her progress was again impeded by head winds, which continued until the 27th of October.

It was now discovered that there was no likelihood of making the port to which she was destined within the time anticipated, and care had to be exercised in the distribution of provisions. To guard against the supply being exhausted the men were reduced to a half gallon of water per day and half rations of hard food. The weather soon after became boisterous, and the brig was thrown about by the surging sea, sometimes drifting onward then northward, the waves breaking over her, the water running through the hatches. The half-starved men were kept busy at the pumps night and day, suffering and discouraged, and at times giving up in despair. Not a sail here in sight, and thus the unfortunate brig was either tossing or becalmed during the whole of both November and December.

The first day of January dawned upon a famished crew, subsisting on a half pound of rice, a few dried peas, cooked flour, and a half pint of water, and with but ten pounds of flour left in the cook's room. It was a sad day for those living souls, and a prayer went up from the heart of every one of them that a sail would heave in sight and save them from death.

In the evening a ship, the Queen, of St. Johns, N. B., from Liverpool, bound for Charleston, S. C., in ballast, came within a short distance, and, boarding her, they obtained a small quantity of provisions. They then bore up for the coast, and, within eighty miles due east, they were caught by a terrible gale from the northwest, and were again driven out to sea. Their provisions were again giving out when, on the 14th of January, the steamer Emerald, of New-York, was spoken, and a little provisions obtained from her. On the 16th of January the bark again bore up for the coast, and endeavored to make the Chesapeake, but was met by the tremendous northwestern gales and blown eastward. On the 21st the crew, almost despairing, made another and a last effort. The food had completely given out, but the schooner William Flint, from Thomaston, for Norfolk, came to their aid, and, after the crew had been encouraged, the crew worked with a will, and at night sighted Cape Henlopen, and in a few hours afterward were safe in the Delaware River, and in two days more, safe still, alongside dock.

During the whole voyage of three months and eleven days the crew behaved most admirably, and not a single case of mutiny occurred. The men, exhausted and with scarcely any sustenance, worked night and day in water to their waists, now handling the sheets and tacks, and again taking spells at the brakes with fortitude and heroism. Not a rope was lost or a sail torn, though the vessel went through some of the heaviest gales that have occurred on our coast in many years.

Gen. Mower Ordered to the Command of the District of Louisiana.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA, NEW-ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 19, 1869.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 13.—4. Brevet Major-Gen. JOS. A. MOWER, Colonel Thirty-ninth Infantry, will repair to this city, without delay, and relieve Brevet Major-Gen. R. C. BUCHANAN, United States Army, in the command of the District of Louisiana.

The headquarters of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, United States Infantry, will be transferred to the City of New-Orleans. By command of

Brevet Major-Gen. R. C. BUCHANAN.
THOS. H. NEILL, Major Twentieth Infantry, Brevet Brigadier-Gen. U. S. A., Assistant Adjutant-General.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

New Ordinance Restricting the Sale of Kerosene Oils—Nitro-Glycerine in New-York—The Sanitary Inspectors Again—Staten Island Schools.

The Metropolitan Board of Health met yesterday afternoon, President G. S. LENOX occupying the chair.

KEROSENE OIL.

The Attorney of the Board, Mr. D. B. EATON, reported that he had considered the subject of dangerous kerosene oils, referred to him at the previous meeting, and had drafted an ordinance which, he believed, would enable the Board to stop the sale of the impure material within the Metropolitan district. He then presented the ordinance, which reads as follows:

No petroleum oil, kerosene oil or other liquid having illuminating properties as a burning-fluid to be used, shall be kept or offered for sale as a burning-fluid, for lamps or any like receptacle, for the purpose of illumination, nor shall such oil or fluid be purchased for such purpose, or be used in any lamp or other receptacle, or be kept for such use, unless all such oil or fluid shall be of such quality and ingredients that it shall stand the test and be equal to both the following tests and conditions, to wit:

1. That it shall not take fire or burn at a temperature below 110 degrees Farenheit, and

2. That it shall not evolve an explosive vapor below 100 degrees Farenheit.

The ordinance was unanimously adopted, and the Sanitary Superintendent was directed to cause a special inspection to be made of the various qualities of kerosene sold throughout the Metropolitan district. The Secretary was also directed to advertise the new ordinance in the daily newspapers for three weeks, at the expiration of which time it will become an operative law.

In the course of a desultory discussion, previous to the adoption of the ordinance, Commissioner MARTIN stated that the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners had been quietly engaged in investigating the composition of kerosene oils for the past three weeks, and that they believed that they (the Fire Commissioners) could remedy the evil by enforcing the State law now on the statute books.

NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Dr. HARRIS, the Sanitary Superintendent, sent a communication to the Board, informing them of an attempt made last week by certain parties to covertly ship a quantity of nitro-glycerine from this City to New-Haven. The facts of the case, as detailed by Dr. HARRIS, are these:

Certain persons sent, or caused to be sent, from Hoboken, by ferry-boat, to the foot of Desbrosses-street, a car-load of heavily-filled boxes marked "Gazolin." The car-load was driven across the City to the foot of Broome-street, East River, and transferred to the sloop *Southport* for transportation to New-Haven, Conn., to be delivered to a "railroad contractor." The President of the Metropolitan Police requested the Sanitary Bureau to ascertain and advise what action could be taken to ascertain the nature of the material thus shipped. Prof. DR. CHANDLER was at once sent to Hoboken to ascertain the nature of the stuff. He reported that it unquestionably was nitro-glycerine. The evidence was sufficiently conclusive to warrant prompt action for the removal of the sloop and cargo to some secluded anchorage 500 yards from New York or Brooklyn. The order to the master of the sloop was committed to the Superintendent of Police to insure its prompt execution, and for that night (Thursday) the sloop was moored at Pier No. 1 East River. This action was taken under the seventy-fourth section of the Sanitary Code. But there seemed to be nothing sufficiently explicit in the Code to enable the Health police to warrant any further proceedings, except to refer the evidence and the record of the circumstances to the District Attorney. He (Dr. HARRIS) had power to control the storage of nitro-glycerine and gunpowder in this City. Dr. HARRIS performed on Friday morning, and they took the necessary action for removing the suspected cargo to some place in the Palisades.

In conclusion, the Sanitary Superintendent urged the Board to act in the premises at once.

Accompanying Dr. HARRIS' letter was a report from Dr. CHANDLER, the Analytical Chemist of the Board, setting forth the circumstances which led him to believe that the article referred to above, as having been shipped for New-Haven, was nitro-glycerine.

The report then proceeded to say that—

With regard to the danger of nitro-glycerine, it is hardly necessary to remind you of the fearful accidents which have already occurred from its accidental explosion. To be sure some of these have resulted from carelessness, but the most fatal accidents have occurred in the transportation of the article, where the packages have been handled by parties ignorant of its elements, or when it even exploded spontaneously when no one was near it. Nov. 6, 1866, a box exploded spontaneously in Wall-street, in front of the Merchants' Hotel, in this City; March 4, 1867, a quantity of the oil exploded in a warehouse at Sydney, Australia, destroying several hundred thousand dollars' worth of property; it was Sunday no fatal accident happened; but last November it exploded at Aspinwall, on board the screw-steamer Rescue, killing thirty or forty persons, and destroying $1,000,000 worth of property; April 16, 1868, it had exploded in San Francisco, killing sixteen or seventeen persons, and destroying $250,000 worth of property. As I have no doubt that in proper hands nitro-glycerine is as safe as any other substance, it cannot be denied that it does sometimes explode spontaneously, and that the effects of its explosion are far greater than those of other substances, if it does not explode on the application of flame in open vessels; it is, nevertheless, much more liable to accidental explosion, for the reason that the public generally is ignorant of its properties. In fact, it is to be regretted that it does not explode from flame, as this very fact leads persons using it to handle it more carelessly than they would do if they knew that its explosive power of nitro-glycerine is variously estimated at from five to thirteen times that of gunpowder. Suddenly heated to 360° Farenheit it explodes. At a temperature of 70° Farenheit it is liable to spontaneous explosion. Sawdust moistened with it explodes on the application of a spark. When frozen it explodes by concussion, as Alfred Nobel, the Swedish chemist, found to persons who attempted to crush the frozen oil. Had the thirty-two cases exploded on board the ferry-boat, a large proportion of the passengers would undoubtedly have been killed. Had it exploded while passing through the streets of the City it would probably have destroyed a dozen buildings on each side of the street. The transportation of this powerful explosive agent should certainly be regulated by very strict laws, and it should always be marked with its true name, that it may receive the care necessary to avoid accidents.

The matter was referred to the Attorney of the Board for an opinion.

THE SANITARY BUREAU TROUBLES.

Commissioner STONE moved that the rule of the Board, which required Sanitary Inspectors to make oath to the truthfulness of their weekly reports of time devoted to the work of their departments, be annulled. The order, Dr. STONE said, was forced upon the Inspectors by the Board in a spirit of persecution, and it was repugnant to them as it was to him. If these gentlemen were not willing to rely upon their simple words, they were not worthy to be employed in the responsible positions which they hold.

Commissioner CRANE seconded the motion, at the same time reminding Commissioner STONE that he (STONE) was the father of the "obnoxious" rule, and had himself forced it upon the Inspectors by intercutting it to the Board at the time of its adoption. As severe a thrust was subsequently made by Commissioner LINCOLN, who, in voting said that he remembered that Dr. DALTON, the late Sanitary Superintendent, was the person who drafted the "repugnant" rule, and intimated Commissioner STONE was the author of its adoption. The "softening" which certain gentlemen had been wont to complain of late, was self-imposed, and should not be charged to those who were not responsible for it, in the least.

The motion of Commissioner STONE was then adopted.

A resolution to pay Dr. JAMES $200 for his recent services to the Board as Sanitary Superintendent of interim, was lost, and it was resolved that he should be paid only at the rate of $1,800 per year—which is Inspector's salary.

A complaint that many of the school buildings of Staten Island were overcrowded and ill ventilated, was referred to the Sanitary Superintendent.

The Board then adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A New Sensation.

WATTERHOUSE HAWKINS, of London, will exhibit, at Steinway Hall, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, for the first time, a monster skeleton, which he has spoken for nominations for connect in restoring of extinct animals, or animals of fossil times, found in the Cretaceous formations of New-Jersey. As this is the first of a series of articulations by which this distinguished naturalist proposes to reconstruct for the City, from ancient fragments, some of the monsters which formerly inhabited this continent, his explanation will doubtless draw a crowded house on Wednesday evening.

TWO EXTENSIVE BURGLARIES.

A Gang of Burglars Arrested in Bermondsey which Obtain Plunder—Capture of a Second Gang in the Sixth Ward with $20,000 Worth of Cutlery in their Possession.

The facts with regard to two extensive burglaries in the First and Second Wards were brought to light yesterday. In both instances the Police were successful in arresting the burglars and recovering all of the stolen property. The details of these cases are as follows:

On Sunday evening, as Roundsmen GATES, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, was patrolling the ward, he became suspicious of the presence of burglars on the premises No. 12 Dey-street, occupied by HUGH MCKAY & CO. He accordingly, as reported to Sergt. BERRENBROCKER, who was in charge at the Station-house, who directed that no effort be at once made to capture the thieves. With this end in view, Sergts. WOODWARD and PHILLIPS, Detectives THOMPSON and KENNEDY, and Roundsmen GATES and MCKELVEY, all proceeded to the place, and there maintained a strict watch. They had not long been in position before two men were seen to enter the building through the cellar door, being admitted by a confederate, who deliberately locked the door behind them and remained on the qui vive in the street. He was soon pounced upon, and recognized as BERNHARD SCHULTZ, a well-known professional thief. The Police then continued their surveillance, and finding that no new birds came to the trap, they determined to spring it and so secure those already in the building. The two Sergeants having satisfied themselves that every avenue of escape had been closed, proceeded at once to force open the door, and caused a rigid search of the premises to be made by the force at their disposal. They succeeded in finding the two burglars already spoken of, who were endeavoring to conceal themselves in the basement, and near them was a box of large and valuable assortment of silks, which had been packed up already for removal. The two prisoners gave their names as JAMES GORMAN and CHARLES STEVENS, and they and their confederate were all locked up in the Liberty-street Police Station. Yesterday morning the accused were arraigned before Alderman MOOMS, the acting Magistrate at the Tombs Court, when they were all remanded for trial in default of bail. Mr. MCKAY made the necessary affidavit in the case, and stated that the silk found packed up was valued at $1,400. The burglars had used false keys to enter the basement, and then cut a hole in the floor above.

The second case proved to be the most important one of the day, as the burglars had successfully achieved their purpose and were nearly as successful in making their escape with the plunder, when they were overhauled in another ward. Yesterday forenoon, Sergt. JOHN FURMAN, of the Sixth Ward Police, was in Elizabeth-street he saw three men carrying a couple of large baskets, and acting in a somewhat suspicious manner. Believing that mischief of some kind was afoot the Captain summoned Officers DUNNE, DOLAN and CLENCHY, of his force, to his assistance, and caused the arrest of all three of the men he had under his surveillance. The prisoners gave their names as THOMAS MOORE, CHARLES SMITH and JAMES JONES, and the the baskets found in their possession contained a large assortment of fancy cutlery. As soon as the prisoners were safely locked up in the Franklin Police Station, Capt. FURMAN instituted the necessary inquiries and ascertained that the store of Messrs. C. H. SHERMAN & HALSTED, on the first floor of No. 20 Cliff-street, had been entered by burglars on Sunday night, and $3,000 worth of fine pocket cutlery had been carried off. Mr. MARTIN J. SHERMAN, an employe of the firm, proceeded to the Station-house and identified the cutlery recovered from the prisoners as that stolen from the store. SMITH, JONES and MOORE were accordingly arraigned before Alderman MOOMS at the Tombs, during the afternoon, when he held them for trial in default of $1,500 bail each. As the prisoners had no claims of ownership in the cutlery found in their possession, although they all denied their guilty of the burglary, the acting Magistrate ordered the property to be surrendered to the firm of SHERMAN & HALSTED. It required the services of three or four officers to remove the same from the Court-room.

The Police of the Sixth and Twenty-seventh Precincts are deserving of credit for their success in these cases.

Death of a Colored Woman through Alleged Malpractice.

PHEBE R. LYON, a colored woman, aged 35, unmarried, and employed as a cook in the family of JAMES CARR, doing business at No. 187 Bowery, but whose residence at present is unknown, died suddenly on Saturday last, in the basement of Shiloh Church, corner of Prince and Marion streets, under circumstances of a peculiarly suspicious character. Coroner KEENAN has had charge of the case, and is now making all due investigation. He has ascertained enough already to convince him that the deceased came to her death through medical malpractice, resorted to for the purpose of producing an abortion. It appears that PHEBE had been a domestic for Mr. CARR nearly ten years, and had been ill for the past few weeks, during which period it is alleged that she was attended by Dr. BELCHER, of East Twenty-first-street, and subsequently lived with a sister at Rye for a short time. On Friday last she was committed to the care of the sexton of Shiloh Church, who resides with his family in the basement. When she arrived the deceased was apparently suffering great pain, and grew rapidly worse until death ensued, at 1 o'clock the following day. Although no physician was in attendance upon her during these last two days of her illness, a certificate of death from ovarian dropsy was obtained from a Mrs. A. BARNETT, a midwife at No. 142 East Thirty-fifth-st. This certificate was presented to the Board of Health, and a burial permit granted thereon. It was also arranged that the remains of the unfortunate woman should be buried at Woodlawn Cemetery yesterday, and the funeral would undoubtedly have taken place had it not been for the efforts of Miss LYON's relatives, who only accidentally heard of her death yesterday, and caused an investigation by the Coroner, as they deemed the death a violent one. A *post-mortem* examination was made of the remains yesterday by Dr. WOOSTER BEACH, by order of the Coroner, and he found that death had undoubtedly been produced by violent means, as the marks of violence showed on the abdomen. The matter is still surrounded in considerable mystery, the Coroner deeming it to postpone the formal examination of witnesses until next Monday, when it is hoped that the facts will be made public. All of the deceased's relatives and friends are respectable colored people and are very anxious that a full investigation be made. As yet no evidence has been obtained to criminate the person who committed the operation for abortion.

An Extraordinary Detective Case.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning, as Detective JOHN TEEMANS, of the Central Department at No. 300 Mulberry-street, was in Peoble's Hotel, at No. 160 Vesey-street, for the purpose of transacting some private business, he noticed a man rather neatly dressed enter the restaurant. The man had a policeman's club peeping from his breast pocket, and he rather ostentatiously announced himself as a detective officer from Police Headquarters, adding also that he had not made any important arrests for several days, and would take a turn round the hotel. As the fellow was an utter stranger to Detective TEEMANS, he became convinced that he was an impostor; but, being amused at the pomposity of the unknown, he entered into conversation with him. "So you are a detective officer," said TEEMANS, "and belong to Police Headquarters?" "Why, of course I am," replied the unknown; "do you doubt it?" "Well, I don't know much about your being a detective," remarked TEEMANS; "but, if you are one, give me your shield!" The man's bounce quite nonplussed at first on this pertinent demand, but soon recovered his composure and haughtily exclaimed, "So you doubt my being a detective, do you; now I will just show you that I am one in earnest, so I arrest you, Sir."

Detective TEEMANS, still more amused at the turn affairs had taken, surveyed his newly-made captive of the unknown and walked with him down Vesey-street as far as Greenwich, when he suddenly reversed the programme, remarking, "I guess I'll take you now," and at once slapped his hand on the fellow's collar, who discovered that he had indeed caught a Tartar. When arraigned before Inspector DILKS, at the Central Office, the prisoner gave his name as PETER BENNER, and kept up the farce of being a policeman even when. As the name given by him happened to be that of an officer in the Nineteenth Precinct who was killed several months ago by a fall down a flight of stairs at the Third-avenue Railroad depot, the ruse was soon detected. The prisoner BENNER, being known as JOHN BONNER, and on his person being searched a certificate of character as engineer was found, signed by JARVIS & CO., of Jersey City, in which document he was styled BENJAMIN A. BONN. This name the prisoner at once decided on his, and stuck to it during the remainder of the examination. BONN was subsequently arraigned before Alderman MOOMS, at the Tombs, and held for trial. He is a native of Newburg, N. Y., aged 26, resides at No. 5 Grove-terrace, Jersey City, and is an engineer by occupation.

Brooklyn Common Council.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held yesterday, Alderman BERGEN, President, in the chair.

A communication was received from the Comptroller in which he expresses his dissatisfaction with the proposed change in the arrangement of public departments offices in the City Hall. He considers that the present Street Commissioner's office is ill-adapted for the purpose for which it is proposed to remove the bookkeeper of the Comptroller, as altogether inadequate to the accommodation of our business. He desires to have the power to hire ample rooms in the neighborhood if the change should be made. The subject was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of the City Treasurer using the Commercial Bank as a depositary for each portion of the city funds as may be deemed equitable and in accordance with law, and warrants issued to deposits are made with other banks. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made a report on the subject of the trouble in several streets in South Brooklyn, caused by the heavy rains of last Summer, from which it appeared that the bills for work done last Fall under the direction of the Aldermen of the Eighth and Ninth Wards, the Mayor and the Street Commissioner, amounted to $11,696 98. The Committee proposed that the Mayor and Street Commissioner be authorized to examine the bills and direct the proper officers to issue certificates of indebtedness, which it appeared that the Mayor had issued in the images and raised in the same for 1868. Adopted.

The Railroad Committee reported a resolution in favor of the South Side Railroad being allowed to use a steam dummy engine, such as is used by the Hudson River Railroad, during the will of the Mayor and Common Council.

An ordinance was offered limiting the time of running the steam dummy to six days so as to provide an opportunity for trial, the Company to give six days' notice previous to the trial. The report as amended was adopted.

A resolution asking the Legislature to exempt the City of Brooklyn from the military tax, on the ground that the collection of the tax amounts to as much as the tax itself, was adopted.

Adjourned.

The Brooklyn Fire Department.

At the meeting of the Board of Estimates in Brooklyn, yesterday, Street Commissioner FUREY made the following reference to the Fire Department:

"The Fire Department, in my opinion, is altogether wrong. It has too many heads. We have this Board of Estimates and Disbursements, then the Board of Fire Commissioners—and when I speak of them I remember that Mr. BARRY and Mr. KOLLOCKER are with the Chief Engineer, while the other three Commissioners are against him. Then you have the Board of Appeals, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Representatives—five heads altogether, some of them seem to be trying to use money simply they can give to each other. This is altogether wrong, in my opinion. When a fire takes place now there are so many companies that, in their anxiety to get to work, they do more damage in my opinion by water than is done by the fire itself—that is, in most cases. This is another reason why a change ought to be made. Another reason is the inconvenience the firemen are compelled to make in pulling heavy steamers through the streets in fires—sometimes through a deep fall of snow. Now, no one who looks at the question in the light fairly and without prejudice, but will say there ought to be a change. The only change ought to be a change from the present system to a paid system, or not, I am not prepared to say. The newspapers, which are supposed to understand this thing, say it ought to be a change from the present to a paid system. If we are to have a paid system attempted to be forced upon us, in connection with the New-York Department—an extravagant and corrupt organization, in my opinion—let us be sure of the proper persons to see that we have a system which our local authorities shall have a control over; for if we are annexed to the New-York Department we shall never know what amount of money will be expended for us. I am not prepared to say that I am in favor of a paid department yet."

Booth's New Theatre—Auction Sale of Seats.

The auction sale of seats for the opening night of BOOTH's new theatre, (Feb. 3,) began at Irving Hall, yesterday morning. Mr. W. O. HOFFMAN acted as auctioneer. Before beginning the sale he announced that it was Mr. BOOTH's wish that no more than four seats should be sold to one person, as in that way only could the monopoly of the best seats be kept out of the hands of speculators.

The sale opened with the boxes. The lower box on either side was reserved—one for Gov. HOFFMAN and party, the other for Mayor HALL and party. Several of the choicest seats in the orchestra and orchestra circle were also reserved for members of the Press. Box B, the intermediate box on the left of the stage, was sold for $125 premium to J. Q. LAWSS. Box R, the corresponding on the right hand, brought $110 premium; the buyer did not give his name. The upper box on the right hand brought to TYRRIT THOMAS for $40, and the corresponding one on the left to JOHN H. MURRAY for $30. The sale of the orchestra chairs was marked by considerable animation. Seats Nos. 49, 50, 51, on the right of the seventh tier in the central row, were knocked down for $16 premium each, and Nos. 54, 55 and 56 on the same tier for $15 50. The range for the remainder of the seats was from $10 50 to $5—premiums in every case. The principal buyers on this floor were Messrs. BULLMAN, TYSON, ADAMS, SCHMIDT and BRYMOLDS. The sale of the balcony seats was next proceeded with, and premiums ranging between $6 and $1 obtained. About one-half of the seats were sold and then the sale was adjourned at 1 P. M. till to-morrow, (Wednesday,) at 9 A. M.

Between four and five hundred persons were present, and there was much competition. The prices obtained for some of the boxes and orchestra chairs were remarkable, and have seldom been equaled in this city.

A Baltimore Bond Robbery.

Yesterday morning Inspector DILKS, of the Metropolitan Police, received a telegram from the Chief of Police in the City of Baltimore, Md., announcing that on Friday night a gang of burglars had entered one of the banks of that city and carried off $124,000 worth of bonds and railroad securities, comprising the following: $15,000 worth of Central Pacific Railroad bonds, $6,000 worth of Union Pacific Railroad bonds, $10,000 worth of United States five-twenty bonds, $20,000 Washington County (Md.) bonds, $30,000 worth of New-Orleans and Opelousas Railroad bonds, $8,000 worth of New-Orleans and Jackson Railroad bonds, $25,000 worth of West-Maryland Railroad bonds, and $10

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SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 25.

Before Judge Ingraham.

THE "MORNING STAR" SUNDAY SCHOOL INJUNCTION.

Richard Perry vs. The Erie Railway Company, James Fisk, Jr., et al.—This case was before the Court to-day on an application by the plaintiff for an injunction to restrain the Erie Railway Company and Messrs. Fisk & Gould from interfering in the premises leased by Dr. Perry for the Mission School in what is commonly known as "Fike's Opera House" for a term of three years, at the rate of $600 per annum. In case they wanted the premises on Sunday evenings the sum of $10 per night was to be paid. Negotiations are already similar with the guardians which have taken place between these parties. Dr. Perry, as leader and Superintendent, determined to start a new Mission School in the vicinity of Eighth-avenue. He finally succeeded in getting a hall in what is familiarly known as Fike's Opera House.

The following affidavits were read upon the motion:

City and County of New-York: Thomas G. Shearman, being sworn, saith: 1. I am an attorney and counsellor-at-law, and am the person referred to in the complaint and affidavit of Richard P. Perry and John F. Crosby herein, sometimes by name and sometimes by the description of the counsel of the defendants. 2. At some time in March or April last the defendant, James Fisk, Jr., requested me to call on Wm. R. Dodge to negotiate with him in relation to the proposed retirement of the Sunday School mentioned in the complaint from the hall in Fike's Opera House, to Fike's Opera House. I called on Mr. Dodge and stated to him that I was informed that Mr. Perry, the plaintiff herein, would be induced by his advice, and that the room of which Mr. Perry claimed to have a lease was entirely too large for Mr. Fisk in the future, and that it was necessary that he should immediately proceed to divide it into offices, which would of course interfere with the comfort of the school, and, in fact, rendered it impossible. A compromise between the parties, Mr. Dodge said that he was one of the Trustees of the school, and that Mr. Perry took the lease on their behalf; that Mr. Perry had demanded from Mr. Fisk, as a condition of the removal of the school, a donation of a certain number of dollars to the same neighborhood and, if I recollect aright, a certain number of dollars, but that he (Mr. Dodge) considered this demand unreasonable, and had advised Mr. Perry to accept $6,000 in cash. He further said that the use of the room in the Opera House was worth far more than the rent charged by Mr. Fike, and that he could state to me that Mr. Fike had said to him that he did not let the room on such terms. Mr. Dodge said that while this conversation was going on I had consented that he should represent me in the matter, and he stated that he had communicated with the parties, and had arranged the matter in strict accordance with the ideas given by me on the 2d and 3d of the same month, and that there had not been on my part, to my knowledge and belief, any bad faith in the matter. I denied that there had not been on my part the usual, or any, negotiation with him. Without that Mr. Dodge had never authorized Mr. Shearman to leave a note from Mr. Perry or from any one else. Mr. Jas. Lonsdale, and he only, was assigned by us to receive and demand Mr. Perry's rent. On or about the 24th of December last I sent a letter to Mr. Perry, a copy of which is annexed to the affidavit of Mr. Shearman, and I was then able and willing to fulfill all the offers made on my behalf. I have in all this matter acted under the advice of my counsel, Thomas G. Shearman, who resides at No. 129 Adelphi-street, Brooklyn. I have acted in good faith, without practicing or authorizing any fraud, deceit, concealment of fact, or other wrongful act.

Sworn, &c. JAMES FISK, Jr.

The Court took the papers and reserved its decision.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Gilbert.

SUITS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

Charles Kelsey vs. Francis L. Dullon.—This is a suit brought by plaintiff, the owner of the property in Irving-street known as the "Hilker Distillery," against the defendant, who is United States Marshal in the Eastern District of New-York, for damages done to the property named by marauders made in searching out an illicit distillery operation. Defendant answered that what he had done was in obedience to a mandate from the United States Court. The jury rendered a verdict of $800 damages for the plaintiff.

BACK RENT.

Charles Kelsey vs. Nathaniel Burke.—Plaintiff sued defendant for the rent of certain premises in the Sixth Ward, which had been leased on certain conditions, one of which was that no business of a hazardous character was to be carried on, and that if the agreement was violated and the lease closed, Plaintiff had spent $600 in suing to recover unpaid rent, and had sustained not only the loss of the rent and expenses of suit, but also considerable damage to his property.

The jury assessed damages at $3,600 for plaintiff.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—JAN. 25.

Before Judge Brady and a Jury.

WILD-CAT BANKS, AND BONDS OF JURORS.

Edmond G. Sheppard vs. Adrian G. Brooks and William Hickock, Jr.—This action was brought by plaintiff to recover on a note for $600 made by Adrian G. Brooks and delivered to William Hickock, Jr., as the consideration for some Government lands in Missouri, to which Hickock claimed title. The note was subsequently transferred to plaintiff for value. Defendant, Brooks, subsequently discovering that the title to the lands forming the consideration of the note, sets up such want of title as a defense to plaintiff's claim.

On the part of the defense it was sought to prove a want of title to the lands by certain letters from the Department of the Interior. These were objected to and ruled out by the Court, on the ground that they only certified as public records; and no further testimony being offered, the Court directed the jury to find a verdict for plaintiff. One of the jurors announced that he could not find such a verdict. On motion of counsel for defendants the jury were polled, when two jurors stated that they had never been required to obey the Court, and two that their verdict was in favor of defendants. The Court instructed the jury that they had no judgment in the matter, but were bound to find as the Court ordered. He was not quite sure that they did not make them liable to punishment for contempt of Court, and whether similar cases had not occurred in which the Court had exercised that power. After some deliberation the Court directed that the jury be again polled, and the same jurors answered that, under the instructions of the Court that they were bound to find according to its direction, they so found, but that such was not their judgment of the merits of the case.

The verdict was entered in favor of plaintiff for $600, with an allowance of ten per cent.

SHARP PRACTICE IN BONDS.

Thomas S. Bartell vs. Samuel R. Nelbaker and Alexis A. McLaughlin.—This was an action by the assignee of what is known in the market as a bond order against the maker, the order not having been accepted in the yard, and moneys having been advanced on the order. The money was advanced by plaintiff without first obtaining the acceptance of the proper inspector thereon. The question in dispute was as to the usual custom of the trade in making advances on such orders—whether, prior to a loan, it was necessary to obtain acceptance of the order, thereby relieving the maker from recourse in the event of a non-fulfillment of the order.

The order was made in favor of one Brower, who transferred it to plaintiff, and received an advance thereon of $4,400. Brower gave to defendants a check for $1,000 and another for $3,000, the latter was certified and paid, the latter not. The pork was never delivered, owing to the non-payment of the $3,000 check, and the defendants offered to return the $1,000 paid on account. Brower, when he received the $4,400, wrote to have made good his other checks but failed to do so, and plaintiff claims that Brower induced him to authorize the payment of the check, and on this state of facts claims to recover against defendants for the $4,400 advanced, with interest. It was shown on the part of the defense that it was not the custom of the trade to advance money on pork orders without first obtaining their acceptance in the yard. Edward R. McIlvaine, one of the defendants, testified that he supposed the statement of the plaintiff that he permitted a pin check to be substituted, but on his cross-examination, difficulty occurred on make the order good until the check for $3,000 was certified, and gave him an order, produced in court, on his firm, authorizing Brower to receive the check, and he did not know whether defendants had actually cashed it or return the $1,000 on Brower's order. The case is still on.

Mr. Tracy for plaintiff; Mr. Parsons for defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—JAN. 25.

Before Judge McCunn and a Jury.

IN UNDERSTANDING PURCHASE OF PANAMA HATS.

Daniel R. Boylck vs. The Chrysostomi Estate.—This was an action to recover about $1,000 on a series of advances issued by defendants to plaintiff on a stock of hats and cane in Guadaloupe, and which were confiscated by fire in November, 1867. The case was continued over since Saturday, and the plaintiff in the case is the only witness introduced.

The defense rest on the claim that the plaintiff procured his store to be fired in order to obtain the amount of insurance, claiming which was disputed by the Company of his loss, claiming which was disputed by the Company of his loss, claiming which was disputed by the Company of Pelham Bay purchased in the month of September, and cane were sold to have been entirely consumed, a portion of only one being found by plaintiff shortly after the fire. The defendants opened their case to show that the plaintiff's reputation was so bad that no one could give no other evidence than that of the plaintiff, who said they were bought from one Reynolds, who said they were bought from a vessel off the Long Island shore. [illegible]

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COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 25.

Before Judge Daly.

NON-ENUMERATED MARINE AND INSURANCE COMPANIES NOT BE ENUMERATED AGAINST AN INSOLVENT CORPORATION FOR VALUE.

The Fourth National Bank vs. Andrew Shearman.—BRADY, J.—The plaintiffs produced the notes in suit, with other notes of various persons, from the Washington Marine Insurance Company, according to the schedule annexed to the action, for security for moneys loaned and advanced to the Company, for losses was made. The defendants also allege that the Washington Marine Insurance Company procured the notes from them in payment for a risk assumed when it was insolvent, and that it continued so to be. And further, that the debt which these notes were given to secure has been all collected out of the assets of the Company, and that the plaintiff and such others from whom the notes were given are entitled to have the notes delivered to them, and to be permitted to sue in an action, judgment having been obtained against them by default. I do not deem it necessary to consider the plaintiff's motion in the Superior Court, because it has in my judgment no bearing on this application. The plaintiff having made a loan predicated upon the plaintiff's bonds, is a bidder for value and is entitled to recover the amount of the notes unless the sum which they were given to secure has been paid, in which case the plaintiffs would have no title to them. If the debt has been paid only in part the plaintiffs would be limited to the balance due. The assignee of these notes was bound to recover the sum loaned, and the notes can be used for that purpose. The Washington Marine Insurance Company, if it had not gone into bankruptcy, and it now is in the hands of the assignees, appointed by the proper authority. Assuming the statement to be true that the debt mentioned has been paid, and all for aught appears to the contrary in the affidavits, there is no case in the defendant's notion. The plaintiffs being holders for value, no equities can be interposed against their recovery growing out of the transactions between the original parties. In this action, for the reasons assigned, the defendants can have no relief, but I discover, on reflection, that they are entitled to the right to assert their right to a distributive share of the assets of the Washington Marine Insurance Company as its creditors. The plaintiffs are under obligations to account for the proceeds of the collaterals which were deposited with them, and I am inclined to the opinion could, on a proper application of the defendants, and others occupying the same alleged relation, be compelled to account, by bringing over to the assignees in bankruptcy, (unless there be some provision in the bankrupt law itself preventive thereof,) any moneys paid by them in excess of the plaintiffs' debt upon the collaterals. Reclamatory contained by the Washington Marine Insurance Company, if such there could be separated from the bulk of plaintiffs' receipts. A court of equity would grasp and hold them for the owners, inasmuch as the defense which would be valid against the company was unavailable against the notes in the hands of the plaintiff under the law governing negotiable instruments. A proceeding to accomplish that object would require the presence of all the parties connected with the transactions, and this Court has not the power in this case to direct them to be brought in. These suggestions are made in answer to the proposition of the counsel for the defendants that these must be done instead of giving the defendants the relief not only the defense of fraud against the notes, but a counter claim also against the Washington Marine Insurance Company. These being no defense to the action and no means of identifying the defendants therein, their motion must be denied. The plaintiffs are entitled to judgment.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 25.

Before Judges Alker, Green, and Curtis.

A NEW QUESTION UNDER THE ACT OF 1862, ALLOWING ATTACHMENTS AGAINST FOREIGN—REVENUE—ALIENS.

White vs. Hogan.—This was an action on the bond given in pursuance of the act of 1862, of the Legislature of this State, allowing attachments against foreign vessels. The schooner Pembroke, owned at Thomaston, Me., was libeled by stevedores' wages incurred in unloading her at this port, and a recovery was had thereon in the Court below. It was claimed that the bond was void, as the Supreme Court of the United States had held that the act of 1862 was void, the Federal Courts having exclusive maritime jurisdiction, and this doctrine was affirmed at Albany in the case of this State in the matter of the schooner *Jenny*.

In answer it was urged that the claim for stevedores' wages was not one of maritime but of common law jurisdiction, and cases were cited which had been decided by Judges Betts and Benedict of the District Courts, in which it was held that no lien existed on a vessel for stevedores' services.

Judge Alker now delivered the opinion of the Court, holding that no attachment could issue under the act of 1862 that it was void for every purpose, and that claims for stevedores' services, though of common law jurisdiction, did not authorize an attachment against a foreign vessel; that all such proceedings belonged exclusively to the Federal Courts. The judgment of the Court below was therefore reversed.

For the appellant, Mr. Cronin; for respondent, Mr. Lankins.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 25.

By Judge Ingraham.

George F. Gerding vs. William A. Kobbe; findings settled.

By Judge Ingraham.

John A. Ward vs. A. Charlotte Ward; motion granted on payment of costs of both motions.

By Judge Gordon.

Snow et al. vs. Rose Strall et al.; both motions granted. Bernard Smyths, Esq., appointed a trustee.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 25.

By Judge Brady.

White vs. Doman; motion denied, with $10 costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Judge Bedford.

In the Court of General Sessions, before Judge Bedford, yesterday, there were no trials. Seven pleas were received, sentence was pronounced in one case, and two prisoners were discharged. The other cases were postponed.

LARCENY CASES.

Charles Palmer, arraigned for grand larceny, pleaded guilty to an attempt at petit larceny. He had been employed to collect some bills, and had appropriated some of the money he had collected. At the request of the complainant he was allowed an opportunity of making restitution, being postponed.

Kate O'Neill, an Irish servant girl, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny. She had appropriated money belonging to her employer. Her friends having engaged to send her back to Ireland, and the complainant consenting, judgment was suspended and she was allowed to go.

James O'Neill, who was arraigned for grand larceny, was discharged, another man, who was the principal in the robbery, having been sent to the State Prison, and O'Neill proving to have been a simple sort of a fellow, used as a tool by the other man.

RAILROAD TICKET FORGERY.

William G. Wright, indicted for forgery, pleaded guilty of forgery in the fourth degree. He had kept an office in Broadway, where he sold railroad tickets at reduced prices. It was ascertained that some of them were forgeries, and there were a lot of forged tickets found in his possession. He was remanded for sentence until Friday.

TRESPASS.

Edward Burke, a bricklaying fellow, was arraigned, accused of felonious assault and battery, and pleaded guilty to an assault. According to the testimony of the complainant and a witness, the prisoner, during an altercation, brandished a carving fork and threatened to use it on the complainant. The prisoner was allowed to detail his story, which he did in a voluble manner, describing the peculiarities of the difficulty, and saying he simply pointed the fork at Mr. Grannell, the complainant. The Court pronounced sentence of $10 fine, the prisoner to stand committed until the fine was paid.

SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES.

Andrew Gimmarch, a boy of 16, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, and at the request of complainant sentence was suspended, with a warning from the Court that he would be sent to the State Prison for two years and six months if ever brought up again.

Thomas Kelly, who was indicted with Robert Conroy and Robert Mott for burglary, was discharged. Conroy and Mott have both been sent to the State Prison on the indictment, but there was no evidence of the complicity of Kelly in the affair.

INCORRIGIBLES.

John Leonard, arraigned for rape, pleaded not guilty, and his trial was put off until the February term.

The case of Thomas Dempsey, alias John Jones, was also postponed.

The Court adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SURROGATE'S COURT—ORANGE COUNTY.

Before Surrogate Hulse.

WILL POWELL WILL.

A very interesting will case, involving several novel points on the question as to how far the mania of a testator, who is a believer in spiritualism, might be questioned, is now being tried in Newburgh. It appears that Mrs. Mary Powell, of Newburgh, inherited a large fortune from her husband, Thomas Powell, and, among other property, the homestead at Newburgh, a large piece of ground, with elegant buildings, known in the neighborhood as the "Powell mansion," previous to her death she bequeathed this property to her daughter, Mrs. Homer Ramsdell, and left a will giving Mrs. Ramsdell and her husband, Homer Ramsdell, her son-in-law, executors. The case has been on trial before Surrogate Hulse several months, and much interesting evidence has been produced on both sides. Mrs. Powell, it appears, was a firm believer in spiritualism, and entertained "dreams" consulted the spirits and visited mediums many occasions. The contestants allege that the influence of the spirits, upon Mrs. Ramsdell, the testatrix was induced to leave all her property to one daughter, to the exclusion of her other relatives. It also appears from the evidence that the testatrix was not mentally competent to make a will or to attend to any business. The case is still on.

For the contestants, Mr. Marshall and A. Bowman for the Ramsdell and A. B. Parsons, Esq., for Mrs. Powell and Mrs. J. Lonsdale contestants.

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MONDAY, Jan. 25—P. M.

The sales of Gold this Forenoon were advanced to 136¼@136¾, and a pretty stiff speculation was reported from the Gold Room up to 1 o'clock P. M., when the price was weaker and fluctuated between 136¼@136⅛ ⅌ cent. to the regular close of business at 3 o'clock P. M. The Gold Gold was abundant, and lenders paid from 5 to 8 ⅌ cent. per annum interest to carry over their balances. The Treasury Office received $618,000 for Gold Customs, and paid out $270,000 for Gold Interest. In the Foreign Exchanges several of the Continental bankers were sellers of Cable transfers on London at 110¼ ⅌ cent., equal to about 110 ⅌ cent. for short sight Bills by the Mail steamers at 110 ⅌ cent. and to 60-day Bills at 109¾ ⅌ cent. The standard Anglo-American drawers were sellers on London, 60 days, at 109¾ per cent., one or two of them asking 109¾ less a sixteenth. Brokerage at the close of the day. The Hamburg and Southampton steamer tomorrow will take out $150,000 in Silver Bullion and a moderate shipment of Gold.

The price of Money to the Brokers to-day is generally 6 per cent. on new transactions, and the supply or offerings from lenders is rather on the increase, although 7 per cent. loans made a week or two ago have not yet been reduced or, as a rule, paid off.

The Stock Exchange was generally firm to-day, and the Railways and some of the Miscellaneous Stocks again decidedly upward. The Public Funds of the United States were active, and prices on all descriptions 1@1 ⅌ cent higher than on Saturday. The State Bonds were also higher on Tennessees, new Virginias and the Loyal Bonds of Louisiana.

The movement in the New-York and Western Railways, and in Reading was unusually buoyant through the early part of the day, and the same feeling extended to Pacific Mail and Canton Company among the Miscellaneous Stocks. The additional advances in the Railways, on the highest sales of the day, was 1@1¼ ⅌ cent., but at the Afternoon Boards the extreme advances was not maintained, and after the Boards in the Long Room and in Broad-street, the following quotations were made, as compared with Saturday night:

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 6s of 1881	108	[illegible]
United States 5-20s of 1862	115½	[illegible]
United States 5-20s of 1865	109½	[illegible]
American Gold Coin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bills on London, 60 days	109¾	109¾
New-York Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Erie	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]
Michigan Southern	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland and Pittsburg	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago and Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]
Western Union Telegraph	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canton Company	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cumberland Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
New-York Gas Companies	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cumberland Preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland and Toledo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio and Mississippi	[illegible]	[illegible]

Ex-dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States, at the close of business:

[illegible]

And the following for the State Bonds:

[illegible]

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

[illegible]

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

[illegible]

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $1,307,080 70; total payments, $957,721 38; balance, $26,050,312 96. The receipts include for Customs, $318,000; for Gold Notes, $608,000.

The statement of the Mercantile Mutual Marine Insurance Company for 1868 shows:

Earned Premiums	$1,072,810
Losses, Expenses and Reinsurance	724,634
Net underwriting of year	$348,184
Abatements in place of Scrip	116,136
July Dividend on Stock	40,436
	156,572
Balance	$191,741

The Company have made a Cash Dividend for January of 3½ ⅌ cent. on the subscribed Stock. Their Cash Assets amount to $653,969, and their Security or Subscription Notes to $200,000, and Premium Notes, Scrip, Salvages, &c., to $687,976—in all $1,540,422.

Earnings Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, Jan. 1 to 21, inclusive (three weeks):

1869	$[illegible]
1868	349,450
Increase	$[illegible]

The Broadway Insurance Company, from a surplus of over $130,000, has declared a dividend of 8 per cent., payable February 1st.

We have received the following note from Mr. Mirson Coloney, commercial editor of the St. Louis *Democrat*:

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Jan. 23, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The President of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, under instructions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, has appointed a Select Committee of fifteen steamboatmen, merchants, millers, &c., to visit your City as a body, and make arrangements for a line or lines of vessels to come to New-Orleans regularly and carry away grain in bulk at a minimum freight and rate of insurance, and do whatever else all they can carry. The following is the list of gentlemen appointed:

Capt. Anson Phillips, from Rockets Packet Company; Capt. L. M. Mason, from Northern Line Packet Company; Capt. J. H. Scammon, from New Orleans Fast Freight Line; Capt. George Pegram, from Atlantic and Mississippi Packet Company; Capt. R. A. Shable, from Excess Packet Company; Mr. Charles Merry, from Northwestern Packet Company; Mr. H. C. Shewalter, from Mississippi Valley Transportation Company; Mr. L. J. Hughes, of St. Louis Elevator Company; Mr. Robert Dodge, of Stimson, Dodge & Co.; Mr. Nathan Cole, of Cole Brothers; Mr. George O. Wrightman, of W. L. Ewing & Co.; Mr. S. M. Bagnell, of M. Bagnell & Co.; Mr. A. K. Northrup, of Northrup & Skinner; Mr. H. O. Wood, of Yeager & Co.

Mr. Jos. Nourse, General Agent of the Illinois Central Railroad, resident in New-York City, will join the Committee there and represent the interests of the road in the matter.

The delegation have effected an organization by electing S. M. Bagnell, Chairman, and Capt. J. H. Mason Secretary, and have agreed to meet in New-York City at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, Jan. 29. I merely write this to keep the spirit of enterprise by the steamboatmen of New-York.

MIRSON COLONEY.

The Middletown *Mail* says that:

"The action that the Pennsylvania Coal Company was about to commence have proceedings against the Erie Railway Company, to restrain the latter from carrying coal to and the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's coal, according to the terms of the contract made between the two latter companies, has not yet become effective. A day or two since an injunction was granted the Pennsylvania Coal Company against the latter, the employees of the latter, engaged in running the trains upon which the Delaware and Hudson's coal was being transported, were imperatively objected to stop them forthwith. Agreeable to this mandate the Erie Company has entirely suspended the shipments and it has yet to be necessary steps to have the injunction removed.

The difficulty arises out of an agreement alleged to have been made between the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the Erie, in reference to the transfer of the Pennsylvania and Hawing Road—the Erie agreeing, as is alleged, to carry none but the Pennsylvania Coal Company's coal over that line.

The *New-Lon Express* of Jan. 11 says of the British Corn trade:

"The weather during the past week has alternated between some fine frosty days and heavy wet, with rain, but with the ground saturated, and the entire absence of a large extent of country by floods becomes perilous. There is, indeed, a certain power of work in the fine, greatly facilitating the damages, but the renewal of the floods is very damaging to vegetation. The Winter Barley and tares have the greatest injury, but the earthworks of moisture in these grains give them in great danger from sudden frost. Even the Wheat is reported finds in getting rank, though a remedy may be found for this by feeding off and rolling, but in the low countries there is great probability of the plants rotting. The prospects, indeed, a gloomy one, but a Winter growth of grass has been little regarded, and dear weather is badly wanted for the sheep and other cattle. The advertisements of the Irish Greenlands, in which are the stimulating produce and the goodly prospects of Autumn are distributed in the new year circular. There is, however, Good Cheer yet enough to remain, and not to hope for the favorable change, so, should this not come, the impost will be severe. It seems that the same sort of weather has prevailed from Belgium to Germany, and it everywhere produces consternation on men's minds, as even a fall of snow on the ground, fresh growth might break the stems short off. The scarcity, as to about the extent of it, or as Mr. Gurney on the average, with foreign markets have been affected by Spanish arrivals, in Paris and many parts of France. Wheat advanced fully 1s. Flour, of Belgium, shipping to equal true, as well as Barley, was Dutch. Morgan-square has been dull at 10s. Wheat, Barley, Malt, Oats, Flour, and Beans, and Peas, but the week up London, about dull.

The Liverpool Corn Market was quiet, and prices nominally unchanged, with a very limited business, of which, however, very little was done, two days of the week being Holidays.

Business was transacted as follows: Wheat, Spring, [illegible]

[illegible]

Receipts of Produce at Chicago, Jan. 23, 1869.

Ashes, pbls	[illegible]	Leather, sides	[illegible]
Flour, bbls	8,000	Lumber, feet	[illegible]
Flour, sacks	[illegible]	Pork, bbls	1,300
Oatmeal, bbls	60	Pork, tierces	[illegible]
Oatmeal, bags	1,713	Pork, pkgs	[illegible]
Wheat, bushels	[illegible]	Lard, pkgs	1,120
Corn, bushels	24,000	Beef, tcs and bbls	1,397
Rye, bushels	[illegible]	Whisky, bbls	614
Barley, bushels	[illegible]	Merchandise, pkgs	[illegible]

Also, 1,000 bbls flour, 10,000 bu wheat, 20,000 bu corn, and 25,000 bu barley for Boston, and 25,000 bu wheat for Buffalo.

COFFEE—The week in review, and from sailing, has ruled quiet, and firm, sailing, Jan. 16th, 20c. Shipping, 19c. Sailing, Jan. 16th, 19¾c. Shipping, 19¾

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Broadway, corner Broome-st.
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER. Characters by Messrs. Lester, Pilbeam, Gilbert, Holland, Ringgold, Young, Miles; Mesd. Rehearse, Miss Jeffreys, Mrs. Chas. Jeffries, and others.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE,
Broadway, near 30th-st.
NEITHER LAWS NOR NEWS, and THE DRAMATIC REVIEW FOR 1867. Characters by Messrs. Brougham, Stoddart, Fisher, Davidge, Mesdames Miss Rosa Newton, Mrs. W. Winter, Miss Fanny and others.

BIRCH'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston-sts.
AFTER DARK; OR, LONDON BY NIGHT. Characters by Miss Jennie Moore, Mesd. Rose Chollet, Morton, Sparkes, Vane; Messrs. Coleman and others.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker-sts.
HUMPTY DUMPTY. Characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox, Mesd. Lydia Thompson, Mlle. Marie Leach, Mrs. G. Hamblin, Miss M. Harrison, Mr. J. Stewart and others.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Committee on Retrenchment, reported a bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act, with an amendment which gives the President power to remove or suspend Cabinet officers during a recess of the Senate, and to suspend all civil officers during such recess without specific charges. Mr. STEWART, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report, accompanied by a resolution declaring that JOSHUA HILL, claiming to be a Senator elect from Georgia, ought not to be permitted a seat in the Senate. Mr. THURMAN presented a minority report on the same question, and both reports and the resolution were ordered printed. The bill relating to the Union Pacific Branch Railroad was taken up, and gave rise to a lengthy debate. The bill was not disposed of when the Chamber adjourned.

In the House, under the call of States, a large number of bills and joint resolutions were introduced and referred. Mr. BRAMES introduced a resolution providing for the payment of the Arkansas members of the House for the full term of the Fortieth Congress, and moved the previous question. After some debate, the previous question was seconded, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The consideration of the Constitutional Amendment, reported by Mr. BINGHAM, relating to suffrage, was postponed until Wednesday, in consequence of members not being prepared with their speeches for and against it. The bill granting right of way and lands to the Denver Pacific Railway was taken up, and Mr. LOGAN spoke in opposition to it. Mr. SCHENCK addressed the House in favor of the passage of the bill. A motion to lay the bill on the table was negatived—yeas 85, nays 52. It was finally referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Mr. PAINE desired to offer a resolution reciting the condition of political affairs in Georgia, and directing the Committee on Reconstruction to report what legislation should be and prepared to submit to Representatives from that State to the House. As members manifested a desire to debate the resolution, it was withdrawn, and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

The revolutionary troubles which have broken out in Havana show that the greatest hostility exists between the citizens and the Spanish volunteers. Street encounters and promiscuous shooting are of frequent occurrence. On Sunday evening several persons were killed and many others wounded in these encounters. A party of volunteers who were passing the Louvre were fired upon from the opposite side of the street, whereupon they halted and filed into the Louvre, where a large number of insurgent persons were assembled. Several Spanish gentlemen were killed, and a number of insurgents were wounded. SENOR COSTRA, an American phonographer, was attacked and killed on the same evening by some volunteers. A meeting of volunteer officers was held yesterday, when it was agreed that the volunteers should be withdrawn from the streets. The Spanish man-of-war in the harbor now furnishes the capital, and the citizens feel more secure.

On Thursday night the freight-car repair shop at Altoona, belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was destroyed by fire. About twenty freight cars that were in the shop for repairs were also destroyed. The fire was the work of an incendiary, and the person was observed during the progress of the fire. Clues were given, but he escaped.

The suit of JAMES B. HAIR against the First National Bank of Madison, Wis., to recover $3,000, the balance of a reward offered for the arrest and conviction of a forger upon that bank, tried on Tuesday resulted in favor of the plaintiff—verdict, $2,214 50. On Thursday plaintiff commenced his second suit for $30,000, for his unlawful arrest by the bank officers, charged with being an accomplice of the forger.

The prize-fight between MIKE DONOVAN, of Chicago, and JOHN HOLMES, of Ross, Ind., was fought near Ripley, Ind., yesterday, and resulted in favor of DONOVAN in the thirty-third round.

Capt. BROWN, of the NAVY, who took to Japan the iron-clad ram *Stonewall*, purchased by the Japanese Government, has telegraphed from San Francisco that he will deliver the ram to the Mikado Government at once. Capt. BROWN, on his arrival in Japan found a civil war raging, and both parties claimed the vessel, but he refused to deliver her to either. The Mikado having been successful, sent an emissary to Capt. BROWN on Tuesday, to say that he accepts the *Stonewall*.

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company have made a contract with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and Coal Company, to transport coal to Albany. The first train of twenty-four cars reached Albany yesterday. The coal will be retailed at $6 50 @ $7 per ton.

On Sunday morning, Mr. CHARLES B. FINN, a clerk in the Tale National Bank, New-Haven, stepped into the Bank to see if everything was right there, and found a man lying in front of the safe, taken with a cambric under his head. Upon examination it was found that he had effected an entrance through a window, when which he endeavored to reach the money drawer by cutting a hole through the top of the counter with his knife, but finding the work difficult, gave it up, took a cushion, and lay down by the stove and went to sleep. The man was arrested.

Orders have been issued relieving nearly all the artillery officers now on duty at the Artillery School, at Fortress Monroe, and scattering them throughout the country. Other officers are ordered to take their places, the exchanges to be made on the 1st of May.

The Western side of the Phoenix Express Company, on the Galveston and Houston Railroad, was robbed on the 18th instant of $18,000 in gold, while in transit from Galveston to Houston.

On Sunday night a man named MAGUIRE was killed by a woman in a saloon in Georgetown, Ohio-ports.

In Chicago on Sunday a man named DANIEL BOGGESS assaulted a detective, who was trying to arrest him, with a hatchet, inflicting wounds which it is thought will prove fatal.

The anniversary of the birth of Burns was celebrated last evening by a banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel. D. D. TORRY, Esq., presided, and speeches were made by JAMES S. THAYER, WILLIAM C. BRYANT, HORACE GREELEY, Rev. Dr. CHAPIN, Dr. SAXON, S. G. COURNEY, and others. The Bard was duly honored at dinner tonight at Tatton's Hotel.

The Metropolitan Board of Health met yesterday afternoon. An ordinance was adopted which forbids the sale or use of benzene oil, as an illuminating agent, if it takes fire below 110 degrees Fahrenheit, or evolves an explosive vapor below 100 degrees. A complaint was made that the school buildings on Staten Island are overcrowded and deficient in ventilation. The matter was referred to the Sanitary Superintendent.

The litigation in regard to the Morning Star Sunday School, which has a lease of Mr. FIKE's rooms at Fike's Opera House for three years, was before Judge INGRAHAM, of the Supreme Court, yesterday. After a long argument the case was submitted to the Court. The decision was reserved.

Sentence was passed yesterday by Judge BLATCHFORD, in the United States District Court, upon ALVAN BLAISDELL, J. J. BOGGS, and JOHN MCLAREN, for fraud upon the Revenue Department in connection with whisky distilling. The two former were sentenced to imprisonment for three years, and the latter for four months.

The Free and Open Church Association, with their friends, held a meeting last evening in St. Ann's Church, Eighteenth-street, at which addresses were made by Rev. Drs. GALLAUDET, GURNEY, FORBES, the President of the Association, and others, in favor of the objects of the Association.

The Yale Alumni Association of New-York will give a dinner on Friday evening next, at DELMONICO'S, corner Fourteenth-street and Fifth-avenue. Hon. WM. M. EVARTS will preside. Tickets may be had of Mr. LUTHER MANARD JONES, of No. 170 Broadway, until Thursday evening.

In the Board of Aldermen yesterday resolutions to appropriate $20,000 for the celebration of the 22d of February, and to appoint a committee to go to Washington to obtain payment of the money expended by the City during the war, were laid over.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen, yesterday, referred the matter of opening Church-street in the Committee on Streets. Resolutions to pave portions of Second and Sixth avenues were amended so as to exclude those portions of the avenues between the railroad tracks.

The Board of Excise yesterday revoked the licenses of two liquor dealers, for violating the liquor law, and granted 150 new licenses.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction have purchased Hart's Island for burial purposes. The price paid was $75,000.

Cotton was dull, lower and irregular yesterday. Low grades of Flour, Spring Wheat, Pork and Lard were in good request and firmer. Corn and Rings were in moderate demand and nearly steady. Groceries quiet. Oats dull and cheaper. Freights steady.

Prices were firmer yesterday for beef cattle. The top of the market was about 17½c. ℔ lb. Only a small number were sold for over 17c. The supply was light, with many rough and poor droves, which were sold at 12c.@16c. ℔ lb., net weight. Prime bullocks were weighed off for 17c. In the afternoon prices were easier. The sheep trade continues moderately fair, although butchers held off yesterday, so that prices began to droop. Most of the sales of prime sheep were made at 8c.@8½c., with a few at 8¾c. ℔ lb., live weight. A great many poor lots were sold at $4 50@$7 ℔ head. Swine are scarce, with firm prices, which are well maintained at 13c.@13½c. ℔ lb. for Western hogs dressed. For prime corn-fed swine, 14c.@14½c., with a few at 14¾c. ℔ lb. The same hogs would sell for 11c.@11¾c. ℔ lb., live weight, with a few at 11¾c. Calves and milch cows remain unchanged.

The Alabama Claims Convention.

Now that we have, at last, the official text of the *Alabama* protocol, (given to the public for the first time, and exclusively, in the Times of yesterday,) we note some very important differences between that and the imperfect drafts and digests previously published.

Of these differences, one relates to the very fundamental point so long in controversy, namely, the evidence contained in the recognition by Great Britain of the Southern States as belligerents. We all know that this matter of "rebel belligerency" has been batted to and fro across the ocean in a two years' game of diplomatic battledore and shuttlecock. Nothing can be said of value on this question which has not been said in the dispatches. What, then, does the protocol do?

It provides that the various claims shall be decided by the Commissioners "upon such evidence or information only as shall be furnished by or on behalf of their respective Governments," and that this evidence shall be as follows:

"The official correspondence which has taken place between the two Governments respecting any claims shall be laid before the Commissioners; and they shall, moreover, be bound to receive and peruse all other written documents or statements which may be presented to them by or on behalf of the respective Governments, in support of or in answer to any claim, and to hear, if required, one person on each side on behalf of each Government, as counsel or agent for such Government, on each and every separate claim."

So, again, when provision is made for the decision of an umpire, he is to decide after "examining the official correspondence," with the other written evidence and hearing the oral arguments. So, finally, the same terms are used when a foreign Power is arbiter. Thus, while the question regarding the responsibility of Great Britain for Confederate recognition is not alluded to in the Convention, provision is made for introducing and examining the most elaborate argument regarding that responsibility which could be made.

On what grounds the Commission will settle the question of responsibility for the *Alabama's* ravages we need not guess. Our own belief is that the fact of her escape, as a hostile expeditionary force, from Liverpool, in [illegible] should be held to obtain the use of the public money, and to exact from actual Bondholders stronger pledges of financial ability and sound management than are at present possible.

Another important feature of the measure relates to facilities (still) now afforded for the locking up of currency. With the meaning of this process the business community were made painfully familiar before the Erie conspirators were dragged into the Courts. A handful of speculators, in league with two or three banks, succeeded in producing a disastrous monetary stringency by withdrawing from circulation and depositing in bank vaults large amounts of currency, which for the time served as collateral. Experience on that occasion showed that, under the law as it is the money market, and all the interests reflected there, are at the mercy of unscrupulous combinations, which, with the help of banks, may at will make money scarce or relatively plentiful. The danger cannot be wholly averted so long as we have irredeemable paper for the circulating medium; but at least the complicity of banks may be rendered hazardous and unprofitable. The Senate bill does this by prohibiting loans on greenbacks or National Bank notes as collateral, and by declaring void loans or contracts based thereon. The point is also covered by a bill reported from the House Banking and Currency Committee, whose provisions seem stringent enough to render evasion impossible. The transaction is treated as a misdemeanor, punishable by fines so heavy that neither speculators nor bank managers could be unmindful of their lesson.

To make the Senate bill thoroughly effective, a section should be added remedying the abuse to which the system of certifying checks irrespective of the sums at the credit of the persons making them has given rise. On no point has the Comptroller spoken more emphatically or with more obvious propriety. Referring to the New-York City banks, he declares in his last report that an enormous fictitious capital is created by means of certified checks, which, he adds, "by an ingenious arrangement, after being traded on the street, are finally traded back to the banks that issue them, without materially increasing or diminishing the cash deposits." The practice is so essentially at variance with sound principle, and is so evidently fraught with peril to the whole banking fabric as now reared, that its continuance ought not to be permitted. Mr. HULBURD's recommendation is that National Banks be prohibited "from certifying checks to be good which are not drawn against actually existing cash deposits standing to the credit of the drawer when the checks are made and presented." An accompanying proposition to forbid the payment of interest on bank balances is probably open to some difference of opinion, although the practice involved unquestionably tends to foster stock and gold gambling, and to encourage the withdrawal of capital from industry and trade. The use of certified checks on the plan pursued does not, however, admit of any justification. It is a fraud and a falsehood; it is hazardous to the banks that tolerate it, and it operates as practical inflation, deranging values, and keeping at fictitious prices the securities in which the more reckless speculators usually deal. A measure purporting to amend the National Currency act, and to prevent a recurrence of transactions which have brought danger and scandal upon bank management, will be singularly defective if it leave this misuse of certified checks untouched.

The Health of Public School Children—Mr. Randall's Letter.

Mr. RANDALL, the Superintendent of the City Schools, published in our Monday's issue a very temperate and reasonable letter, defending the managers of the public schools from the charge of neglecting the health of their pupils. The complaints we made of the arrangements of the school-rooms and the studies were made only after much consideration, and after many years practical observation of them, and we think our remarks will be confirmed by the observation of others.

Indeed, Mr. RANDALL does not substantially deny them. We urged that the class-rooms were badly ventilated and kept at an unhealthily high temperature; that the children were not permitted to study in school, and, therefore, were compelled to do their brain-work at the most unhealthy time—in the evening—and that no rooms or appliances were provided for gymnastic or calisthenic exercises, or for improving the muscular vigor of the pupils.

It is not enough to say in answer to this that the Board of Education and its agents have been actively engaged for years in attempting to correct the bad ventilation. What have they done? is the question. Have they tried air-shafts, or double chimneys, or the hospital mode of ventilation by cold air introduced around a heated surface, or any other scientific and intelligent method? Why, in constructing the new buildings, should so much be laid out on the grand show-room, and the class-rooms, where the pupils *live*, be neglected?

The Board have had many years to "consider this subject" and "to furnish a remedy," but where is the remedy? Mr. RANDALL may not be aware of the pain which many parents have experienced in seeing their children's vigor and beauty gradually destroyed by this poison of bad air, but the fact is well known. Indeed, we have heard from good authority that considerable *ophthalmia* has prevailed in the public schools the past year, which is an infallible sign of bad ventilation.

Nor is it convincing to hear from Mr. RANDALL that "the standard of education" would be reduced by shortening the hours of recitation. The best public schools in the country—the New-England High Schools—manage to include the hours of study and recitation within the six hours of school, or at most, require but a short time for study outside. Thus, if out of the five hours of school-time, three were given to recitation and two to study and half-an-hour at home, the division would be a rational and healthful one. Or the whole session could be reduced to four hours, and two hours' study be required out of school.

To require all a child's study out of school in the evening, is manifestly unreasonable. When Mr. RANDALL urges that the public schools have not space in their grounds for any gymnastic rooms or appliances, he must remember he speaks for a constituency with an almost endless purse. If private schools can, have these things, and the public schools of many a New-England town—why among the Metropolitan City furnish them to the pale, weakly, and nervous children of the working and mechanical classes? The Board of Education have only to will it, and it is done.

We have no purpose to arouse any prejudice against our public schools, which are our safeguard against pauperism and ignorance and crime. We only desire that the management should be up with the advance of the age in all scientific improvements. If our remarks should even have the effect of inducing some of "the prosperous classes" (who are making too much use of these cheap and popular schools) to remove their children to private schools, and thus give room for a poorer class, we should not regret the result.

The Union Pacific Railroad.

The announcement that 1,000 miles of the Union Pacific Railroad are now in actual operation, brings vividly to the mind the prospect of an early completion of the entire road. We are assured that but little more than 250 miles of track remain to lay; and that the Summer traveler may ride, this very year, by rail, from the Atlantic to the Pacific—from New-York to San Francisco.

The energy with which this grand enterprise has thus far been pushed is without precedent in the annals of railroad building. At the beginning of the year 1866, only 40 miles of the road had been constructed; during next year, 265 miles were laid; during 1867, 275; during 1868, nearly 500—that is to say, more than a thousand miles of track were laid in three years.

This grand highway of trade will, accordingly, be undoubtedly open for travel and freight during the present year. Already during the past twelvemonth, it has earned five millions of dollars by local business. When it comes to be a grand continental conduit of commerce, stretching from sea to sea, its national value no less than its own prosperity will be exceedingly great. The railroad is not only a great business enterprise, but a great explorer and a great civilizer. To it we confidently look for aid in solving the Indian problem and the Mormon problem of the day.

The Southern Political Situation.

The compromise movement in Virginia, promoted and led by influential citizens until now opposed to reconstruction, has awakened echoes from prominent Democrats in other Southern States. In these cases the expressions of opinion take a somewhat different shape. The purpose in Virginia is to hasten the restoration of that State on a basis that by promoting the prosperity will secure permanent peace. Elsewhere, as in South Carolina and Louisiana, the object aimed at is the termination of controversy on points which the American people have settled, and the cultivation of a law-abiding and conciliatory spirit among those who have resisted the results of the Congressional policy.

These efforts are rendered more significant by the party affiliations of those who make them. They are the efforts of Democrats, who, realizing the import of the November verdict and the hopelessness of resistance to the incoming Administration, advise a prompt and cheerful acceptance of the political situation and the removal of all outstanding causes of offence. Mr. BOZEMAN, a well-known South Carolinian, has been one of the first to address himself practically to the subject. In a recent letter he maintains that "Gen. GRANT's election is a ratification by the people of universal suffrage, subject to the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment, and establishes the legality of the existing State organizations South which have grown up under the Reconstruction acts." He sees, further, that the elevation of GRANT to the Presidency is a protest of the North against the violence and outrages originating in political causes, which have disgraced several of the Southern States, and a declaration that this condition of affairs shall, if necessary, be put down by Federal power. On this ground Mr. BOZEMAN invokes the voluntary action of the Southern people, as well to avert stern measures of repression as to create the internal harmony which would so largely benefit their material interests.

The same line of argument runs through a lengthy epistle addressed to the President of the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana, by one whom the New-Orleans *Times* describes as "an influential member of the Democratic Party." The writer of this document contends that it is folly to decry the constitutional efficacy of the Fourteenth Amendment or to demur to its requirements. Besides being ratified by the State Legislatures, it has been directly indorsed by the people; and as reconstruction is in the same category, nothing can be gained by indifference or hostility. Negro suffrage and the new governmental system, therefore, "are accomplished facts in Louisiana;" and as the Grant Administration will vigorously uphold them, the Democrats of the State are appealed to to abandon their old position and to aid in establishing friendly relations between whites and blacks and between the State and Federal authority. They are reminded that the advent of the new Administration furnishes a suitable opportunity for acquiescing, quietly and in good faith, in what Gen. GRANT may be expected to "sternly demand"—

"A recognition of the binding force and effect of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution;

A recognition of the legality of the existing State Governments at the South;

An absolute toleration of political opinions in all sections; and

The free and unremitted exercise of the right of suffrage by both black and white voters, according to existing laws."

How these suggestions will be received by the Democrats of Louisiana, a little time will probably tell. The party to which they belong has not proved itself ready to listen to advice, however sound, which conflicts with ancient tactics and antipathies. We have seen the *World* compelled to lay aside its good sense and to join the extremists of its party in their advocacy of nullification and revolution; and the fate of our contemporary on that occasion forbids sanguine hope as to the immediate influence of sober counsels upon the Kuklux of Louisiana. It is evident, however, that the prospect of restored unity between the policy of Congress and the measures of the Executive is exercising an influence that ought not to be under-estimated. This influence has, without a doubt, contributed to the strength of the new movement in Virginia, and to the change which already promises so much advantage to South Carolina. In due season, we may suppose, it will be felt in Louisiana. Many conservative men have looked what form, and in Georgia, where Democratic obstinacy assumes a form more offensive in some respects than the Louisiana case which shocks us in a few other directions.

This is manifest; throughout the whole South moderate and sensible views are taking the place of the ultraism which has too generally dominated in the Democracy. Their progress may not be rapid, but it seems sure. Increasing prosperity and a better perception of the conditions of material welfare will gradually favor the change, which Congress may hasten or retard by its treatment of the Virginia Committee.

The Naturalization Treaty.

Whether in consequence of Congressional eloquence or (possibly) in spite of it, whether affrighted by TAZE's terrible strokes or moved by Mr. BENEDICT's rousing cautions, for some cause, at any rate, the celebrated British lion has consented to take a pen between his claws and affix his signature to a "Naturalization Convention."

In less lofty language, the British Government has followed the lead of the Prussian and the Belgian in abandoning that feudal doctrine of allegiance, which is tersely expressed in the epigram "once a subject always a subject," and has yielded entirely to the American theory of voluntary expatriation, renunciation of old allegiance, naturalization and acquisition of a new and binding allegiance to the adopted country. In some respects, indeed, the agreement effected by Mr. JOHNSON with Lord STANLEY is more favorable than that effected by Mr. BENEDICT with Count BISMARCK. It is incumbered with fewer disputable conditions—in fact it has no questionable conditions at all.

The agreement is brief and pointed. Art. 1 provides that emigrants to or from Great Britain or America naturalized according to law in the adopted country, shall be held by both Powers to be citizens or subjects of the adopted country, and so treated for all purposes whatever. Art. 2 gives any such citizens already naturalized in either country liberty to renounce their naturalization and resume their respective nationalities by public declaration to that effect within two years after the treaty shall be ratified. Art. 3 provides that readmission to the original nationality may be effected by residence in the original country, with whatever other conditions the Government of that country may impose. Art. 4 provides that the necessary measures shall be introduced into Parliament, to so change the British laws as to carry out the treaty.

That is the whole story. The striking features about it are the utter and unreserved adoption of the American doctrine—the endeavor to avoid imposing the restrictions of local statutes in either country upon the process of naturalization in the other, and the facilities extended not only to the acquisition of adopted citizenship, but to its renunciation at will.

What changes the Royal Commission will propose in the British laws of naturalization and allegiance is matter of conjecture. But, if those changes conform to the words and spirit of the protocol, they will be more liberal even than the provisions of the Berlin treaty. At all events, it will require the most fervid of patriots to be discontented with the JOHNSON-STANLEY protocol.

The Charities of London and New-York—A Contrast.

We are sometimes disposed to groan over the pauperism and suffering of New-York, and the immense sums spent here in the relief of the poor, as if it were like pouring water into a leaky vessel, and there were no hope of ever diminishing the mass of misery in our city. Whoever feels thus should examine a little the condition of another of the world's great capitals—London. He will soon discover a state of things that throws all the misery and poverty of New-York into the shade, and makes them seem but a drop compared to the dark flood of pauperism which rolls through the English city.

He will find that *forty-nine millions of dollars* are spent annually on the poor in London, a sum greater than will be spent, even in this extravagant year, on the whole civil service of the United States. This enormous sum, it is believed, is supplied by seven-eighths of the population to one-eighth, or say 400,000 persons giving each man, woman and child the annual sum of $119 per head, and leaving $350,000 for expenses of collection and distribution. But, unlike many of our charities—especially the educational and emigrational—these imperial alms do not diminish pauperism. On the contrary, while in ten years the population of London has increased one-sixth, the pauper inhabitants have increased *one-half*. Classifying the six hundred and more institutional charities, it is found that about $840,000 are spent in treating mental or corporeal disease, and $6,650,000 in supplying the ordinary necessities of life, and some $2,900,000 for educational, moral and religious purposes.

Among the subjects relieved, it is estimated that 100,000 are from the jails, to which population there is an addition every year of some 2,000 discharged convicts. Of offenders and suspected persons known to the Police, there were in 1867 in London, 6,964; in 1868, 10,342.

But the most appalling is the number of children growing up to be thieves and vagrants; this is estimated at *one hundred thousand*.

The most discouraging feature, however, to London, and the most encouraging to New-York, is the contrast between the expenditure in the two cities for education and alms. Here our largest expense is the city outlay in for schools. There the State expenditure for education is *seven hundred thousand dollars*, (or say one-fourth of that in New-York,) while the whole expense, public and private, for charities, is *forty-nine millions*.

We have long since learned in America that the best of all alms is the Free School. Our various institutions, the Public Schools, Industrial Schools and Western Emigration Societies, gradually and surely diminish the volume of pauperism and youthful crime. We make head here against the tide.

England has begun at the wrong end—with charity first and education or emigration last. If the State did half as much there for the schools as it does for alms-houses and prisons, there would be a vastly different condition of the masses. In other respects, the economical conditions of England and the United States are not strikingly different. The superior financial knowledge of the British statesmen has caused the productive classes of late manufactures to be as good also but operatives now receive nearly as much money for wages as our own, while steam has aided her in connection with arable lands all over the world, for carrying off her surplus population. The great contrast is in popular intelligence and all the agitations for education.

It will need the new democratic vigor in Great Britain to thoroughly convince the nation that the best of all charities is education.

MINOR TOPICS.

Do the fun-crushed and head-aching people of this City desire the Common Council to spend twenty thousand dollars next month in "celebrating" WASHINGTON'S birthday? A resolution was yesterday introduced to the Board of Aldermen making this appropriation, and appointing a special committee to carry out the arrangements for the affair. The members of the Common Council must know that, in spending twenty thousand dollars of the people's money in this way, they outrage the citizens of New-York, who are now burdened almost beyond endurance by the extraordinary expenditures they are called upon to pay. This twenty thousand dollars will be expended in the most ridiculous manner. It will be spent in letting of a number of poor fire-works in two or three places in the City, and in other ways which the members of the Common Council understand better than the rest of us. This is the way WASHINGTON is honored! The whole thing's a first-class farce, and a second-class fraud. The Common Council know it is an imposition upon the people, and we warn them that the time has arrived to put a stop to the indulgence in such things.

We publish elsewhere a striking and important letter from Mr. JOSEPH MEDILL, of the Chicago *Tribune*, in reference to the question of the annexation of Canada, and the views of Gen. RAWLINS (Chief of GRANT's Staff) on the matter.

The widow of President LINCOLN presented a petition to the Senate yesterday for a pension. We suppose there is no doubt of the passage of the bill introduced a few days ago by Senator MORTON, making provision for Mrs. LINCOLN's case.

We suppose we may soon expect a fearful public outbreak of the "velocipede mania." In this City just now, there are nearly 5,000 learners of the velocipede locomotion, and we believe there are something like a dozen places where the art is publicly taught. The trouble thus far has been in getting a full supply of velocipedes to meet the popular demand; but of course this trouble will soon disappear. We hear that the mania has extended over the country, and that velocipedal professors have appeared in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and other places. The velocipede has been something more than a nine days' wonder;—it will probably be at least a year's wonder.

The Senate seems to be opposed to the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office law, which the House acted on with such remarkable promptitude. Senator EDMUNDS has reported back from the Judiciary Committee the House bill of repeal, with amendments in the character of a substitute, which provides for a modification of the law without its repeal. We are afraid that if the Senate refuse to agree to the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office law, Gen. GRANT will be unable to act with promptitude and vigor in the reformation of the gross corruption and abuses which now exist in the public service.

A Washington correspondent of the Galveston *News* says that a gentleman lately asked Gen. GRANT if he had intimated to an Ex-Colonel in the Confederate Army that he would give him an appointment after his secession, and, being answered in the affirmative, asked on what principle that was done. To which Gen. GRANT replied:

"Sir, the only great principle that I have promised the American people is that we must have 'Peace,' and when I find a man who fought in this way, on either side, who heartily desires peace, and will support the laws of the country, and is competent, I shall ask no other question about the propriety of his appointment."

Texas is a good ways off as a place for authentic news from Washington; yet the above may possibly be true, though we are inclined to doubt it.

Hon. Mr. BOOTHMAN, of Brooklyn, displays his fine Hibernian art of mixing things when he introduces a resolution in Congress against ratifying the treaty for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims, "or any other treaty with England," as long as American citizens (Fenians) are imprisoned in England for "acts done under the American flag." The fact that the English Government have incarcerated these Fenians might possibly be good ground for our making a declaration of war against England,—but why it should prevent our making treaties for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims or for securing the rights of American citizens on British soil,—only Mr. BOOTHMAN could tell. Gen. GRANT will miss Mr. BOOTHMAN from the next Congress.

We fear that unless the Police and the Courts can do something to suppress the ruffians who are now rampant in the City, and who have made it a dangerous thing to be abroad at night, it will be unsafe for the Legislature to enact a law preventing citizens from arming themselves with pistols. In connection with the newspapers particularly are large numbers of persons who are compelled to be out till a very late hour at night, and who are then compelled to traverse the City on their way to their homes. Recent events have taught them the necessity of self-protection in such times as these. We certainly consider it wrong and dangerous, as a rule, to carry pistols about the person; but the peaceable citizen must be assured of protection in some way.

A great deal of value is to be placed upon the concurrent resolution of the Kansas Legislature, which was laid before the House yesterday, in favor of the transfer of the control of Indian affairs to the War Department. The members of the Kansas Legislature have had the opportunity of knowing something of the shocking corruptions of the Indian Bureau, as heretofore and at present managed. A good many of the prominent politicians of Kansas have grown fat and foul on this corruption, and it has demoralized the politics of the State. When the Kansas Legislature takes ground against the Indian Bureau, it knows what it means.

In a lecture recently delivered by Dr. PARKER to the young men of the Christian Association, he is reported to have said that business men should by no means go without their lunch in the middle of the day. Dr. WILLARD PARKER, in a late lecture at the Plymouth Church Bethel, in Brooklyn, is reported to have taken just the opposite ground. Which shall we believe? This question of lunch or no lunch is one of the practical sort, and as these two medical men are eminent and shining lights in their profession, the common mind is greatly disturbed at such opposing dicta. Who will undertake to decide when two such doctors disagree?

The sailors seem to be in earnest in their efforts to ameliorate their condition. They are agitating their cause by holding meetings and marching through the streets with banners. The initial movement was begun yesterday, and

It is hoped by keeping their grievances before the public that in due time a proper consideration may be secured which shall make Relief fall to their advantage. Truly, a very great deal might be done to mitigate "poor Jack's" hard lot. His calling is necessary and useful. He is exposed to peril and discomfort, and oftentimes to cruel treatment at sea, and on shore he falls into the hands of the Philistines of the boarding-houses and the shipping-offices. His wages are insignificant, and his condition generally unenviable. If he is determined to better himself, by all means let those who can, give him a helping hand.

Berea College, Kentucky—in behalf of which a meeting will to-night be held at Cooper Institute—was established in the heart of Kentucky in the days of slavery's power, and its record shows the growth of an enterprise once suffering, now triumphing. A correspondent, who writes to us of its affairs, says:

"It has made many warm friends by its early stress forth in facing the threats and dangers of Slavery sentiment, the privations of poverty and pioneering, and not less the heartsunny, the courtesies of friends who pronounced the enterprise impracticable. This day it has outlived. Berea College, antislavery, anti-caste, simply Christian, is a fact established upon Southern soil. It has gathered many students, white Kentuckians from the mountains, colored students from the "Blue Grass" plain; it has drawn about it a sympathizing and prospering community, and is daily gathering friends among influential classes, North and South."

If the Common Council are eager to honor the memory of WASHINGTON, by expending twenty thousand dollars on his birthday, we can tell them a better way of expending it than to waste it in an hour's show of poor fireworks. The old Broadway (or City) Hospital has been compelled to sell out, and will soon remove from its present locality because of the want of funds to carry on its beneficent labors. There is great need of an hospital somewhere down-town, to which the victims of the thousand accidents that occur during a year in the lower part of the City may be taken. Every year we have a season of sun-stroke, and every time of the year is a season of broken legs, broken heads, and all sorts of accidents and sudden calamities. To carry the poor wretches thus affected up to Bellevue would often result in their death, and in suffering and agony beyond description. Now, we suggest that the twenty thousand dollars which the Common Council propose to spend in fireworks in honor of WASHINGTON, should be used in honor of human nature and the Common Council as the foundation for the establishment of a down-town institution, such as will be needed on the removal of the City Hospital. If twenty thousand dollars is too small a sum to make a beginning in this direction, then let it be used for the advantage of the Centre-street Dispensary, on condition that it take the name of the "Washington Dispensary" and expend the sum thus appropriated for the purpose herewith indicated. In this way a genuine honor would be done to the memory of WASHINGTON, and his name would be endeared to hundreds of sufferers. But to spend in poor fireworks the sum which might do so much good, is a crying disgrace to the City and an outrage upon its tax-crushed people.

As regards our kerosene lamps, we hope the Board of Health will recommend the plan of prosecuting the sellers and makers of adulterated oil. People themselves will not go to the trouble of making experiments, with a spoonful of it heated to a certain degree, as recommended. They will rather trust in Providence and take their chance. Inquiry and prosecution should at once follow every case of explosion, till the happy day when Prof. DOREMUS shall make the announcement of a better order of household light—say a bit of magnesium wire burning beautifully in its hydro-oxygen jet. If there be any lesson in the kerosene explosions, it may be found in the fact that they will sharpen people's wits in the direction of new discovery.

The Mikado of Japan, it would seem, is about to bring back the Tokugawa to his ancient subordinate condition as head of the Prefectures, Barbiturates, or "House-caries" of the imperial palace. It remains to be seen whether that sleepy, Grand-Lama order of government under a Pontifical Emperor will continue against the peculiar influences of the age. If the Mikado would hold his own, he must cease to be a boy, living behind a curtain and going in a sedan chair. He must be a man on horseback, and so follow out Prince TALLEYRAND'S plan for the Bourbons. If the Tycoon comes back as "Mayor of the Palace," let the *Roi Fainéant* look to it. Japan is in a state of transition, needing a strong, central hand; and the Mikado's advisers probably think it easier to bring back the old Tycoon than some another from the crowd of jealous daimios.

President SARMIENTO, of the Argentine Republic—whose doings are especially interesting to us in the States, since he is a philosophical student of our institutions, who has resided and published a book among us—is offering an example in which our own coming President may find some good suggestion. Our Buenos Ayres correspondent says he (SARMIENTO) "has no mercy upon the authors of frauds upon the Government." He is also making reforms at a wonderful rate in the military and civil departments, sweeping away rubbish and cobwebs with the proverbial efficacy of a new broom. He will do all that a ruler of cosmopolite genius and enlightenment may do for his country, and it is to be hoped no distractions in the settlement of the Paraguay question will put a stop to his excellent policy of reform and regeneration.

In nearly every case, the word "ingenuous" would fully convey all that is meant by those who employ the French *naïve*—a word which, from its very structure, must necessarily be difficult of acclimatization in our English speech. But if we must have this vocable, why not write it in its *niem-shape—naif?* *Naïve* is feminine, and in French is only associated with feminine nouns; whereas, in ninety-nine out of every hundred instances of its English usage, the noun is neuter. In the last number of the London *Spectator* we find the employment of the form above suggested. In reviewing a book by Miss Cobbe, it speaks of "her naïf wonder at the Trinitarian theology."

The Case of Joseph H. Bradley.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 26.

The following is the writ of mandamus served upon the Justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia this morning, in the matter of JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, to his franchise as a member of the Bar of said Court:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The President of the United States, to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the Justices thereof, greeting:

Whereas, It has been made to appear to the Supreme Court of the United States that JOSEPH H. BRADLEY was duly admitted and enrolled as an attorney and solicitor, authorized to exercise the rights, privileges and franchises thereof, in your Court; yet now the Justices of said Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, without reasonable cause, have unjustly removed the said JOSEPH H. BRADLEY from the place of office of attorney and solicitor in said Court, to the no small damage and grievance of him, the said JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, as we find from his complaint to the said Supreme Court of the United States; in that regard, and which fully appears of record in the said Court; now, therefore, in order that speedy justice shall be done in this behalf to said JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, you are hereby enjoined that immediately after the receipt of this writ you do restore, or cause to be restored, the said JOSEPH H. BRADLEY unto the full place and office of one of the Attorneys and Solicitors in your Court, with all the liberties, privileges and franchises to said place and office of one of the attorneys and solicitors of your Court belonging and appertaining, lest on your default BRADLEY complaint should be made to the said Supreme Court of the United States; and how you shall have executed this writ make known to the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States on the 25th day of January, 1869, and have you then and there this writ.

Witness the HON. SALMON P. CHASE, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the 21st day of January, 1869.

THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

The Upholstery of the Capitol Buildings—Frescoes, Gilding, Mosaics, Committee Rooms.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.

A casual stroller through the rooms of the Capitol-Building—rooms devoted to the private use of various dignitaries—goes away with his memory wrapped in a vague confusion of barbaric gilding, cupids and roses, and with a lonesome sense of gaudy carpets and dreary hotel parlors. It is of course necessary that every article connected with the national halls of our seat of Government should be such as befits our wealth and pride as a people, and economy there would be pestilency; but all that the poorest peasant of us all, who feels the iron of taxes grinding into his soul, demands, is that the money freely rendered shall be suitably expended and not lavished on tawdry gewgaws. That the lower corridors should be pictured with brilliant representations of our natural history in bird and flower and fruit, in both fitting and charming, and one of the very few ideas displayed in the interior decorations of the building; but what right the swarms of cupids have in the frescoes of the upper floor and the committee rooms is quite another question. You would not perhaps insist upon the question very vehemently in the Senatorial Reception Room, a high and handsome place haunted by fair ladies and their gallants, and where little loves sew, without doubt, constantly flying viewlessly to and fro, glad to greet their arabashed brothers in the paneling; you would only insist that a room set apart to such gracious purposes—a room whose lofty ceiling is grained and illuminated so superbly, while its floral gildings run down the side walls in such streams as to suggest the fancy that the National Treasury must be in the dome above and dripping through—that such a room should have mattings of corresponding character, or its own bare floor, rather than a soiled and faded crimson carpet covered with huge medallions of dull and impossible flowers, that might have been purchased from any inn just discarding it. And only one mirror to all these ladies—sweet serpents from the South, fascinating some Senator into all manner of unguarded promises—strong-minded and gaunt, studying their statistics as they pace up and down—high-bred and haughty, homely and humble. Yet it is no poverty in the article that allows these intruding women but one mirror among them all; open the next door—it is the Marble Room—and you are in the inside of a mirror itself; the four walls here are wainscotted in looking-glass, and one can but fancy the satisfaction of those Senators who happen to be handsome, when they slide between the marble pillars accompanied by the multiplying train of not one but a hundred handsome shadows. This room is certainly a beautiful one, that is, it would be if it were the show-room of a commercial establishment—of a musical warehouse, for instance, with artists running in for an hour's practice and purchasers testing their instruments; but in its present capacity it is as meaningless and inconsequential as if it were the cave of Adullam transferred to the place bodily. What a room lined with looking-glass has to do with halls of legislation, it would puzzle a conjuror to tell.

The next room to this in the row is the President's Room; it is the great exhibition of the place, and, so far as its walls and ceiling go, with good reason. It is a sort of grotto of exceedingly brilliant fresco-paintings, where perhaps not quite every color in the rainbow is harmonized, and where the paucity of the painter's ideas is the most conspicuous thing of all. Five panel portraits on the wall are reflected in the inevitable looking-glass, among them JEFFERSON and HAMILTON, relieved by some unremembered Postmaster-Generals for whose presence one is unable to account; and why, indeed, any but the former Presidents stand witness to the acts of the present incumbent when he visits the place is something open to remark. Nevertheless, the portrait of JEFFERSON is extraordinarily good, and it betrays to us, by the very manner in which that crimson waistcoat tones down that brick-red hair, the inner artistic spirit of the man who designed a national order of architecture from sheaved corn-stalks, and would have displaced the acanthus by the curling tobacco-leaf. In the corners of the ceiling Dr. FRANKLIN and Elder BREWSTER, rather sketchily and ghastily, confront each other, with no apparent purpose, and are alternated by VESPUCIUS and COLUMBUS, while the main pieces represent Liberty, Law, Legislation, with Religion forcing herself in a fourth section upon the alliterative trio. Of these, Religion, though a rather sickly dame, has quite a fine bit of effect in the handling of a veil. But all four are surrounded by cherubs and cupids and countless unwarrantable little loves again, tumbling about in every way, and though free and easy enough, yet, one would say, much more at home in the villa of LUCULLUS than in their present abiding-place. In the meantime, we still tread under foot the gaudy carpet spattered with flowers, and rest on very indifferent chairs covered with something resembling woolen damask, while common-looking curtains hang from broad gilded cornices, and it would note altogether require a great effort of imagination to fancy one's self in the waiting-room of some millenial depot.

The Vice-President's Room, on the contrary, is as cosy and comfortable an apartment as one would wish to see. The walls are stained in delicate sea-green, and one large historical portrait hangs upon them; the carpets and hangings are of soft dark green; in a closet is the little three-by-one mirror concerning which, at the beginning of things, dispute was made as to whether its purchase was not an unpardonable extravagance; the furniture is rich and heavy, a bright wood-fire blazes on the hearth, and it is quite a little abode of luxury. Fortunate Vice-President to have such a relief from the bad air, the garish gold and scarlet and magenta of the Senate Chamber. The next Vice-President, however, comes from a retreat almost as comfortable, if less cheerful—for the Speaker's Room is an elegant drawing-room with but two incongruities in the somewhat sombre quiet of its dark-green and gold upholstery and wood-work of polished walnut, magnificently carved, incongruities in the shape of the customary vulgar carpet, and again an enormous mirror occupying nearly the whole of one side of the room, and set in a frame of gilded scroll-work more than a foot deep.

There are some other rooms in the labyrinth of suites and apartments, proudly exhibited to any one who may have happened to hear of the ornamented surfaces of their walls. Decidedly the best of these, because of the work there being the least crowded and elaborated, is the room set apart for the Committee on Military Affairs. Virid wreaths of laurel decorate the ceiling much more effectively than do the sprawling females of most of the other places, a couple of large battle-pieces illuminate the walls, and cornice, panel and pilaster are finely and simply adorned with clusters of frescoed arms and muniments of war. Next in merit to this is the room of the Agricultural Committee; here, with his group of Romans, CINCINNATUS, called from the plow, fills the upper section of one end and confronts his modern compeer, OLIVER PUTNAM, who, half invisibly in a bad light, surrenders to the other the place to which he has infinitely the best right. Over two side-doors, little scenes of grain-harvesting prettily illustrate the difference between the old and new way of going afield; and, striking crushed, one may see the reaper and their attendants very charmingly painted—Spring, with armfuls of blossoms, and cherubs carrying wreaths and letting loose the doves; Summer, whole sprites are shooting down arrows of fervid heat; Autumn, with his brain bearing great branches of grapes and symbolizing festivity with tambourine and lute; and Winter, moving through the angry clouds, while his children pour out the showers and blow cold blasts from their shells. The room devoted to the Committee on Naval Affairs is, however, the most celebrated of the three, and though its paintings appear to be of much less merit, they might attract the common eye more than any of the others. On either side, as you enter, rise grayly the vestibules of vast temples, which may perhaps intend to tellus the novel truth that the sea is the gateway of all the nations, but whose other meaning, if there is any, is not apparent. Above these, in separate area of a circle, much foreshortened, Neptune and Amphitrite, Zolus, Oceanus, Nereus and Thetis, accompany a new sea-goddess, America, one is at a loss to say why, with scores of nymphs interspersed, all of them riding on sea-horses and simpering sadly; and in the great panels round the sides of the room, other nymphs, painted at full length in lively colors, are bearing aloft various symbols of the sea, this one a sextant, that a chart, another a compass, a fourth a bannerol, sufficiently prosaic in idea, though gracefully enough rendered in fact, as witness the floating damsel who carries a barometer lightly as a mermaid carries her looking-glass, or the beautiful figure with the red-gold hair, whose back alone we see as she unrolls her map. All of this would doubtless be very fine decoration for a Summer watering-place, or any gentleman's seat by the sea; but it is evidently too unheroic for its present situation, nor is it easy to see the reason why we have to recur to mythology for our national ornamentation, or why the ancient Greeks should be called in where our own history needs the place, and where all these pretty aerial damsels would much better give way to the *Constitution* and *Guerriere*, and the dauntless little boat between the fires on Lake Erie, or the unsurpassed sea scenes of storm and calm along our own coast. Nevertheless, the single instance of an American subject of illustration, out of the daubs in the rotunda, is so revolting—as one pauses to look at the hideous picnic party of giants which LEUTZE makes out of the Westward March of Empire—that one is more than partially reconciled to things as they are, especially as many of these frescoes have already begun to peel away, and their repainting in a better spirit is not an impossible vision of the future. We shall then hope that throughout these rooms the cupids will no longer be clustering over post and pillar thickly as flies in August, and making themselves so satiatingly common that one can only compare them fittingly to canker-worms in June. In that era we may hope also that all the finely-mosaiced floors in the building shall be no more defiled with the ugly and unsuitable carpets that reduce them all at present to the level of the restaurants underneath them, and that then once and for all the sluices of gilding shall be shut off. For gilding, indeed, is the disease of the Capitol, a sort of splendid leprosy on all the ornamentation. It oozes from the caissons overhead in the Senate Chamber and the Hall of Representatives in huge stalactites, that may at some time fall and crush a blundering law-maker's head, but can have no other object, and are evolved from no consecutive design whatever; it lies damasked in broad, shining sheets, on the paneled sides of these rooms; lattice-work, bosses, scrolls, shells, frets, glare with it in solid masses till they become offensive to the eye, while it trickles over the efflorescence of the plaster decorations everywhere. If all this had cost untold millions, and were yet the highest effort and last result of art, the poor man, who owns his fraction in it, should have no word to say; but as it is, can any clodhopper who wringe his life from the soil with hard labor make pilgrimage through these apartments, and reflect that the taxes which have deprived him and his of luxury and comfort have been squandered here and in such wise, without a feeling of far more bitterness than pride? DORINO.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.

The new theatre in Twenty-fourth-street, managed by Mr. BROUGHAM, opened last evening to an audience which soon filled it in every part. The attendance embraced noted politicians, Judges, members of the Press, a large gathering of the theatrical profession, including many feminine faces well known to the amusement-loving public. The opening was in all respects brilliant. Mr. BROUGHAM and the several members of his company were enthusiastically received. After the first piece Mr. BROUGHAM appeared before the curtain and made the following short speech:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: A pair of new pieces, like a pair of new boots, require to be worn a few times before they are easy. I am sorry the only delay to-night was caused by myself. I intended to have something elaborate in the way of a speech—thought of offering a prize for a poem and then go in for it myself—but I gave it up and determined to rely on the spontaneity of the moment. I desired to acknowledge my deep indebtedness to the gentlemen who has made this beautiful house. About eight months ago he said to me: "If you would like to manage a theatre, JOHN BROUGHAM, I will put you up the handsomest one in New-York, and I think you will say he has kept his word. I will only say that we will give write up as we have done in the past (if we could be collected of either indigenous or exotic talent) a series of light and amusing performances, which, as far as good taste and sensibility are concerned, will never offend the one nor wound the other.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Two or three centuries ago, more or less—the exact date, however, lives not in the memory of man—the managers of this temple of uncontrollable revelry tried the experiment of amusing the public by the production of a pantomime framed after the ancient English sandels. The composition met with a surprising success, and was acted so often that the performers actually began to forget their duties. To recover their tottering intellects, change of scene was advised, and last evening the change of scene took place. The second volume of "Humpty Dumpty's" adventures was pursued on the occasion by a numerous concourse of people, who seemed to devour every new leaf with unmeasured delight. In fact, the reconstructed piece pleases better than the original. Many of the scenes and transformations are far superior to anything in the specialty of dumb show yet exhibited on the New-York stage. The ballets are particularly ingenious, two of these were received with special favor; in the first, a Scandinavian dance, half the girls were employed in striking music from a number of wood and straw pipes, while their companions kept graceful time to the odd sounds; the other was quite unique, and may be styled the Dance of Department; in this ballet the ladies were arrayed in gentlemen's full evening dress, and the rest in the long and flowing costumes of forty years ago—a deal of humor being contributed by the introduction of *Clown* as "Lord Dundreary" and of *Pantaloon* as "Capt. Cuttle," some movements of the former with Mlle. SANDALE stinting the height of the ludicrous. After this effect, a happy burlesque of the bouquet nuisance came in order, and from two ridiculously large bunches of flowers *Clown* and *Pantaloon* were supplied with enormous noses, of entirely unique pattern. It is needless to specify more this morning. It is our pleasant duty, however, to recommend success for all. Mr. C. L. FOX is again the jolliest genius to whom the present feast of fun is to be credited, and he has once more given rein to a liberal fancy, so that in the matter of scenery, dresses and mechanical contrivance, everything is bright and everything is commendable. The lively performer, also, in *Clown*—guaranteed, as before, by Mr. FOX, who has long riveted the groundlings, dispatch and unconquerable humor which made GRIMMIE BAYE famous in this species of entertainment. The most sumptuous edition which has been made is compared to the magnificent edition that taken which Mr. HAYES has left us as a legacy. The stage represents a treasure of coral, which enriches from the footlights to the furthest limits, the gorgeous theatrics being broken by numerous copies of our good in which mermaids rested upon stones in [illegible]

[illegible] of course opposite [illegible]

Enough. You be satisfied that the management that volume 2 of H. D. will be opened every evening till further notice.

MONTAGUE MARKS.

Last night at the Bowery Theatre, 26 [illegible] had an opportunity of seeing that celebrated [illegible] called the "Scotch Lassie," in which the charm of Miss Agnes Sinclair is concentrated to some length out of an audience that never could enjoy [illegible] rest of the dramatic persons. It is a singular fact that this performance is still popular, although overgrown burlesque upon have already made it [illegible] as stolen. Know it is also in which [illegible] does not seem to have [illegible] Mr. Owens' performance cannot be called a thing of beauty, it seems to be indeed the opportunity of a lifetime. The comedy of the "Violins" was performed previous to Miss Sinclair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Tariff—Mr. Wells on Salt.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

YONKERS, Monday, Jan. 25.

Some correspondent, "A Veteran Observer," makes an onslaught on the salt paragraph in Mr. WELLS' report. With the correctness of the figures I have nothing to do; the Revenue Commissioner and his Deputy will, no doubt, take care of that; I only wish to answer your correspondent's argument.

"How much salt does Mr. WELLS suppose is in a pound of bacon or pork?" asks "A Veteran Observer." Hence he declares that it is perfect nonsense to speak of taxing the people. If we admit this as an argument, where can we stop? For instance, to tax a pound of coffee 25 cents would only make its cost to the consumer 30 or 35 cents; and how much does "A Veteran Observer" think the price of a cup of coffee would be enhanced by this tax? Sixty per cent. is actually charged on milk bread; how much does "A Veteran Observer" think this would amount to on the sleeve or the collar of his coat? Is the oppression of taxation to be measured only when divided among the immense masses that have to bear them, or have we a right to ignore a monopoly of five, ten or twenty-million factories of salt who levy a tax on every [illegible] to close this part of the [illegible] "A Veteran Observer" [illegible] a mosquito draws when he [illegible] rable forehead? and yet he makes war upon it and thereby makes himself more ridiculous for his cruelty than does the Commissioner by his exposure of the salt monopoly.

"A Veteran Observer" says that he is no manufacturer, nor has he any interest in commerce. I fully believe him, as it accounts for the statement he makes that a high tariff fills the Treasury. Had he been either, he would soon have perceived that a high tariff leads to smuggling, corruption in numerous official departments, and thereby protects less than would a low and well-adjusted tariff.

The letter of "A Veteran Observer" would have been incomplete had he not dragged the pauper labor of Europe into the argument, but the irrepressible European pauper is somewhat "played out;" he differs from the irrepressible Ethiopian, for he is not as black as he is painted.

There only remains to be noticed the great building, manufacturing, he thinks, according to "A Veteran Observer," we have to be thankful to protection for. I would advise "A Veteran Observer" to go to Cairo—I mean in Egypt, of course,—cross the Nile and look at the Pyramids. These are greater works than any that we have to show, yet how many millions have been expended to rear them? I am afraid that in our own civilized republican country, millions, at the present day, like the ancient Hebrews, make and carry the bricks for these pyramidal factories; at least, such is fully the opinion of

A JUVENILE LOOKER-ON.

The Rogers Murder.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Is it not time for the Coroner's Jury to render a verdict in the Rogers murder case? What is the jury waiting for? is it to try the case as a criminal Court? If so they have sadly mistaken their powers and duties. The Revised Statutes, vol. 2, part 4, chap. 2, title 7, article 1, contains all the statutory power given to a Coroner's Jury. And the second section provides that the members of the jury "shall be sworn by the Coroner to inquire how and in what manner, and when and where such person (the deceased on whom the inquest is held) came to his death, and who such person was, and into all the circumstances attending such death; and to make a true inquisition according to the evidence offered to them or arising from the inspection of the body." That is what the jury is sworn to do; nothing else. The fifth section shows in what manner the jury shall deliver "their inquisition" to the Coroner, reciting the words of the prescribed oath, as above quoted, and adding, "and who were guilty thereof, either as principal or accessory, and in what manner." This clause does not require either Coroner or jury to become detectives; they are neither required nor authorized to assume the duties of the District-Attorney, the Sheriff, nor the Police, to search up testimony of a sort that should only be used before a Grand Jury, or a Court on the trial of an implicated person. Had any person been known as the perpetrator of the deed, their evidence of that fact could have been offered; but, in the absence of any such evidence there was none to offer; and here the duty of the jury was plain; they had nothing else to do but render a speedy verdict, setting forth the facts of the case as presented to them under the evidence offered, and leave the proper officers at liberty to follow up the offenders to a conviction.

It was to be hoped that the Coroner-Burdell inquisition would have been the last of its class this community could be annoyed with. But it seems history must repeat itself, even in such a disgraceful proceeding as that was.

One of the great errors of Coroners' inquests is that of procuring accumulative evidence. It is not necessary for them to exhaust the case by inventing out a long examination, and thereby increase the difficulty of obtaining an impartial jury to try such a case in Court. The less testimony they take the better, after they have the cause, manner, time and place of death established; and where the person or the perpetrator of the crime is palpably known, they should implicate him, as the fifth section requires, to be dealt with according to law. It is the plain duty of the Coroner's Jury is to say so at once, and devolve the duty of detection on the prosecuting and detective officers, where it properly belongs.

It must be very apparent to all that these officers are more or less restrained from acting during the pendency of the Rogers investigation in the Coroner's office.

Why does not the jury dispose of the case, so far as they are concerned, under the testimony offered to them? COMMON SENSE.

The New-York College.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 25, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The *Sun* of the 18th inst. contained an article which was so offensively personal to myself that I thought proper to send a card to that paper late Thursday to answer thereto, which they promised to publish. This card was as follows:

CARD.

"NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.

A few days since there appeared in this paper an article entitled 'Whose Sons Profit by the City College?' The New-York tax-payer, in this city, I may guess or two such article valued, and show gaddy, the New-York College. My reason for placing him in this instance was that I believed it to be but just in this City. I formed the opinion after a careful and impartial investigation, in the course of which I discovered that several students, having been unable to keep up with their classes at the College, had gone to the University, where all had graduated. For an champion of the University, who refuses to rank the New-York College, and openly declares his intention of trying to break it down, to publishing a card in reply to the above mentioned, is, to say the least, to very bad taste.

In the *Sun* of the 20th inst. there was published the former portion only of this card, as far as through the sentence, "I believe this gives me a right to have a son at the New-York College." I therefore sent to the *Sun* Office to ask the reason for their leaving out the principal part of my note, and that too, without any reference to the fact of their doing so. The answer was that it contained an allusion to one of their editors, and as without my knowledge they printed only such portion as was suited to their own purposes, and that devoted about a third of a column to misconstruing my reasons for sending my son to this institution, and to trying to injure the College.

They say in this article that the thirty graduates (the number is usually about forty) costs the City $150,000 every year. The fact is that $115,000 are spent to give a year's instruction to nearly such hundred students, to make required additions to the scientific apparatus, and to furnish books and everything needful to place the sons of the richest and poorest upon the same level, thus making the cost of each student about $175, instead of $3,000, as the *Sun* falsely represents.

This paper is also troubled about the fact that the graduates of the College are nearly all other professional men or merchants. Does it suppose that a five years' course of study has no tendency to enable a man to advance himself to the highest positions?

Again, the *Sun* tries to show they paying tuition on [illegible]

[illegible] which that our share of the office, for for the last [illegible] tuition is about $150 a year, which does not cover one-fifth of my son's education. The College has been established twenty years, during which time I have always held real estate in this City, and since 1861, as much as at present, which amount I hope and expect to give for many years to come. Perhaps the writer will pronounce that it would be fairer to make a computation of my taxes for twenty or thirty years, rather than for the four or five years during which my son is in college.

Today's *Sun* has just been handed me, and I see that my full card is there published, but without any apology, and with an attempted justification for omitting the larger portion last Saturday.

H. B. GLESLIN.

GEORGIA.

Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee Relative to the Admission of Mr. Hill.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 25.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate submitted yesterday a resolution recommending that Hon. BENJAMIN HILL, of Georgia, be not admitted as a Senator from that State. Accompanying the resolution is a lengthy written report reviewing the events in Georgia, political and otherwise, from the date of Gen. MEADE'S proclamation declaring the adoption of the Constitution, up to the present time. In considering the matter, the Committee say the case of Mr. HILL depends upon three considerations:

First—Did the Legislature of Georgia, regularly organized in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Georgia, duly ratify the Fourteenth Amendment and comply with the various conditions imposed by the act of June 25, 1868? *Second*—Have the Legislature and the people of Georgia, subsequent to such compliance, committed such acts of insurgency and outrage as to place the State in a condition unfit to be represented in Congress? *Third*—Whether in the whole case, taking the action of Georgia, both before and since the pretended ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, a civil Government has been established in that State which Congress ought to recognize. These questions must be answered by the law and the facts. The Committee then proceed to quote the proclamation of Gen. MEADE, calling the Legislature together, and his correspondence relative to the eligibility of members, and the refusal of a majority of the members, to take the oath of office, and then, after [illegible] the action of the Legislature in expelling the colored members, and the refusal of the majority to admit them, and the action of the minority in admitting them, and the action of the Legislature in ratifying the action of the Fourteenth Amendment, and the action of the Legislature in electing Senators and Representatives, and the action of Congress in refusing to admit them, and the action of the President in recognizing the Senators and Representatives, and his correspondence relative to the eligibility of members, and the action of the Legislature in expelling the colored members, and the action of the majority

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Board of Aldermen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, President in the chair.

A resolution to appropriate $15,000 for the collection of Taxes, Assessments, Arrears, and appointing a committee to make arrangements for such collection, was adopted.

The resolution to remove the "Long Bridge" to the avenue of Overlands and West Streets, was referred to the Committee on Lands and Piers.

The subject of dispatching a special committee to Washington to endeavor to obtain from the General Government a settlement of the City's claim for money expended during the war (about $800,000) in arming and equipping troops, was revived.

The matter was, however, laid over.

A resolution was adopted to extend Little Water-street to Leonard.

A resolution to increase the pay of the public bath keepers from $1 per day to $2 per month, was laid over.

The resolution from the other Board forbidding the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company to use steam, was concurred in, removing snow from the tracks was stricken out, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Jackson was astonished that any one should oppose such a resolution. The churches were established to promulgate the Gospel, and spread the Word among the people. From time immemorial these donations had been made.

Mr. Lyons, by unanimous consent, offered a similar resolution, but with special clauses of a similar character, but adopted.

The following resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Andrew Mc Farlane the sum of $1,000 in full payment for services rendered in the Sixth Ward, during the years 1862 and 1863, and charge the same to appropriation for Contingencies.

The Board adjourned to Monday next.

Rev. Mr. Sabine on "Our American Sunday."

Rev. W. T. Sabine read an essay on this subject yesterday evening, before the Young Men's Christian Association. He spoke of the sacredness of the day as having been established by God at the creation, confirmed by Christ, and recognized by early apostolic church all ages. It is a day not so much for physical rest and moral elevation as for spiritual improvement. The speaker quoted Hugh Miller's observations that God having in the six days of work, left a record of His work, and Man, in the seventh day, has made important and profitable, established the seventh day to be his for a perfect and impregnable revelation. The essay concluded with a resolution to a strict observance of the day.

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6-20 Coupon, '68	112¼	112½	10-40 Coupon	100	100½
6-20 Coupon, '69	112¼	112½	Gold	134¼	134½
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Invites the attention of prudent persons to the following results, which have been realized on each $100 of Premium received in Cash in the Year 1864:

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Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin. Steerage.
Outside. Inside. Second Cabin.
$175 $150 $100 $70
Steamers of the above line have Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon.
FOUR TRIPS A MONTH
On Jan. 9th, 14th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day before.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
PERU—ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. HUNSON.
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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:
FRANCE.....DUMERGUE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT.....ROUSSEAU.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20
VILLE DE PARIS.....BRUNET.....SATURDAY, Mar. 6
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine):
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60.
TO PARIS.
Including railway tickets, furnished on board.
First cabin, $105; second cabin, $65.
Passengers may also carry their own provisions.
Medical attendance free of charge.
Passengers traveling going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transits by English railroad and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT COVE HARBOR,
SAILING EVERY ALTERNATE WEEK.
CUBA.....Jan. 27 | ASIA.....Feb. 10
JAVA.....Jan. 27 | CHINA.....Feb. 17
AUSTRALIAN.....Feb. 3 | CUBA.....Feb. 24
Persons may prefer to go by the Cabin Steamers:
Cabin to Liverpool.....$130 | Second Cabin.....$60
Cabin to Paris.....$145
No steerage passengers carried.
No bills of exchange issued for less than £1 sterling, nor for any sum exceeding £100 on any one bank, without a special agreement.
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E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

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STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built Steamers, are intended to sail
EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20, North River, as which accge.
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 30 | INDIA.....Feb. 20
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HIBERNIA.....Feb. 13 | CALEDONIA.....Mar. 6
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabin, to Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and $85.
Steerage, including good cooked provisions, to Liverpool, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these rates.
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Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York, to
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CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
TRIPOLI.....Jan. 28 | PALESTINE.....Feb. 11
TARIFA.....Feb. 4 | SIBERIA.....Feb. 18
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.
Cabin.....$130 Gold. | Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Excursion tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at reduced rates.
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LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL
From Pier No. 8 North River, WEDNESDAYS.
NEBRASKA.....Jan. 27, at 2 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....Feb. 3 at 11 A. M.
NEVADA.....Feb. 10, at 12 P. M.
MISSISSIPPI.....Feb. 17, at 2 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $30, currency.
Cheaper to bring out passengers from Europe than to send for them.
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WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.
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NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP FRANCE, CAPT. CRACK,
Will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 30, at 12 M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, payable in currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 52 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

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Calling at Cork Harbor to land passengers and mails.
KANGAROO (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Jan. 26, 12 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Jan. 30, 4 P. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Saturday, Feb. 6, 4 P. M.
CITY OF CORK (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Feb. 9, 12 P. M.
SATURDAYS—Steamers leave Pier No. 45 North River at 12 M.
TUESDAYS, from Pier No. 6 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. | PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30 and $35
To London.....110 | To London.....$35 and $40
To Paris.....$140 | To Paris.....$45 and $50
To Hamburg.....$140 | To Hamburg.....$45 and $50
St. John's, N. F.....$40 | St. John's, N. F.....$25
Through tickets to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
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PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, calculated to leave Panama on the arrival of the British Mail steamer at Panama, the Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports, and through tickets issued to the newly discovered gold regions of Bolivia.
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FIRST STEAMER
FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS, DIRECT.
Freight taken as low as by any other line.
The favorite steamship
PERRY,
W. H. GARDINER, Commander,
is now receiving freight for Galveston, at Pier No. 4 North River, and will positively sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
STOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 10 Broad-st.
No charge made for drayage in Galveston on goods forwarded to the interior by railroad. Also great facilities for Indianola, Lavaca and Rand, without commission.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZILS.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 21st of each month.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. S. L. TRELLEWAYS, Feb. 21.
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BRESILIAN, Capt. W. WEBB, April 21.
These steamers are the largest and most powerful that will sail at St. Thomas. Pare, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, gold; and at all points on the Mississippi River.
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WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
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FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE
BRITISH AND BRAZILIAN MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Jan. 28,
at 2 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River, for engagements of freight or passage apply to R. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA,
Touching at the United States mails.
The fine steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, J. MCHARRY, Commander, will leave Pier No. 6 North River, on
SATURDAY, Jan. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M.
BENWELL, Feb. 6 | DE SOTO, Feb. 13
RAPIDAN follows.....Feb. 20
VIRGO follows.....Feb. 27
Passage, freight and through bills of lading to Galveston, Indianola, Lavaca and Rand Point, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.
Freight received every day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 40 Liberty-st.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the side-wheel steamer
ALABAMA, Capt. LIEBENSPERG,
on SATURDAY, Jan. 30, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.
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FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, foot of Warren-st., as follows:
GEO. WASHINGTON, Capt. GARDNER, SATURDAY, Jan. 30
CORINNE.....NELSON, SATURDAY, Feb. 6
Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at lowest rates.
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U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
HABANA, Capt. CHAS. H. TOWNSEND.....Jan. 28
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS.....Feb. 4
COLUMBIA, Capt. J. VAN RIPER.....Feb. 11
For freight or passage apply to
R. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
The fine steamers CHARLES MOORE will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, and MONTGOMERY on SATURDAY, Jan. 30, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 22 West-st.
Cabin passage $20.

SHIPPING.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fine fast steamships SARACOSSA, Capt. TUCKER, Commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Jan. 28, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, RAVENEL & CO., forward all goods free of commission.
For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 72 William-st.
The steamships MAGNOLIA will sail on the following THURSDAY.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line.—The fine steamship OLEOPATRA, Capt. R. F. PRINCE, will leave Pier No. 13 East River, on FRIDAY, Jan. 29, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $50 currency. For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC Mail Steamship Company's steamer ARIZONA, sailing on MONDAY, Feb. 1, at 12 o'clock M.
Freight received until 4 o'clock P. M. SATURDAY, Jan. 30.
All the usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
H. H. SABY, Agent.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PRINTING,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1868.
In pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act to further regulate the printing of the public documents, and the purchase of paper for the public printing," approved on the 9th day of July, 1868, sealed proposals will be received until TUESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., for furnishing the Paper for the public printing and binding and Lithographic Paper required to be used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, and to be delivered at such places in the City of Washington as may be designated by the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing, to the lowest and best bidder for the articles of the following descriptions, namely:
CLASS 1.—Ledger Printing Paper.
CLASS 2.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper.
CLASS 3.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 4.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 5.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-three pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 6.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-two pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 7.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 8.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 9.—Calendered Printing Paper.
CLASS 10.—Superfine calendered Printing Paper, weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 11.—Map Paper.
CLASS 12.—Bond and Calendered Printing Paper.
Weights.
2,000 reams Quarter Foolscap, 13x17 inches.
2,000 reams Double Foolscap, 13x17 inches.
2,000 reams Double Cap, 16x20, or 16x21 inches.
2,000 reams Demy, 17x22 inches.
2,000 reams Double Demy, 17x22 inches.
1,000 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
1,000 reams Double Medium, 18x23 inches.
500 reams Super Royal, 19x27 inches.
500 reams Imperial, 22x32 inches.
500 reams Letter paper, measuring 17x22 inches, and of any weight required.
1,000 reams of any required size not enumerated above, and not exceeding 32x44 inches.
CLASS 13.—PAPER FOR POST OFFICE BLANKS, (machine-dried).
1,000 reams, measuring 20x28 inches, weighing 20 pounds per ream.
500 reams, measuring 22x34 inches, weighing 32 pounds per ream.
500 reams, measuring 24x36 inches, weighing 40 pounds per ream.
500 reams, measuring 28x42 inches, weighing 60 pounds per ream.
Proposals will be received for the whole quantity, or any number of reams less than one thousand reams, of the paper designated in Classes 1 and 2, and for the whole quantity, or any portion of the paper designated in Classes 3 to 12, inclusive, of the foregoing schedule, the quality of the paper in all the classes, will be furnished upon application at this office, and the successful bidders will be required rigidly to conform to the samples thereof.
Each class will be considered separately, and to submit a separate contract, but bidders may offer for any or all classes.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or Attorney, to the effect that if the bidder or bidders shall offer to take their proposal shall be accepted, such bidder will enter into a contract for the work that must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that he or they possess the facilities for manufacturing such amount of paper as may be required, and have on hand a sufficient quantity of the material for paper suitable for use in the printing and binding, and for the purpose of carrying the contract into immediate execution.
All the paper required to be delivered to the Government Printing Office, in the City of Washington, must be cut every way, free from all and every extra charge and expense, and must be in the proportions, weight and quality of the standard samples of the Congressional printer, and be in all respects satisfactory.
The supplying of an interior article in any of the classes specified, or the delivery of paper inferior in any class, will be considered a violation of the contract.
Bids or proposals will be furnished upon application at this office, and no proposal will be considered which does not comply with the requirements of this advertisement.
Proposals will be addressed on the envelope "Proposals for Paper," and addressed to the Joint Committee on Public Printing, care of the Commissioner of Public Printing, Washington, D. C.
By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.
JOHN D. DEFREES,
Commissioner of Public Printing.

SUPPLIES FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY.
PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY,
No. 32 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 24, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS, to be opened on the envelope of which the words "Proposals for Supplies" will be endorsed, will be received at this office until 1 o'clock P. M., the 1st of February, for the following supplies of the navy for quality, to be delivered free of expense at the Navy-yard, New-York, subject to the usual inspection, viz:
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.
100 Lamp Chimneys and 50 green Lamp-wick to fit the chimneys, for Lighthouses.
BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING.
Stationery, (detailed), as per sample at the Equipment Office.
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.
Hot press Brass Screws and 5 barrels Turpentine, to be delivered under the contract of Wm. Forster, Brooklyn, Navy-yard, on the 1st of February, 1869; Antimonate to be had from Naval Constructor B. F. Delano, at the Navy-yard; 1 Metallic Boat, length 18ft, without oars, to be built.
BUREAU OF PROVISIONS AND CLOTHING.
10,000 lbs. Candles, "Pony Standard," on account of detaining commerce; 600 lbs. Hoop Iron, 1½ inches wide.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids that may not be deemed advantageous to the Government, and to award such orders or contracts, especially as may be required for the public service, to responsible contractors, the terms and faithful delivery within 30 days or supplies attended. Blank forms with further particulars will be furnished on the application at this office. Proposals and duly indorsed on the envelope and not made in duplicate, to be accompanied with the affidavit and bond forms furnished, will not be considered. Partial making proposals are invited to be opened at the hour above named, which the bids will be opened.
J. C. ELDRIDGE,
Paymaster U. S. Navy.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed proposals will be received until 11 o'clock A. M., SATURDAY, the 6th day of February next, by the undersigned, at the Sixty-st. Depot, in Hackensack, N. J., for the graduation, culverts, bridges and work of the Hackensack and New-York Extension Railroad, to a point near the New-York State line, a distance of about 104 miles.
The maps, profile plans, and specifications of the work to be done may be seen at the office of L. W. Pratt, Chief Engineer, in Hudson City, N. J., until the 1st of February, and afterward at the Depot in Hackensack.
The Company reserve the right to reject any bids deemed by them to be not for their interest not to accept.
D. P. PATTERSON, President,
H. and R. V. RAY, E. E. Co.
DATED, New-York, Jan. 2, 1869.

Agent Surgeon.
OFFICE OF HOUSTON AND GALVESTON STS.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS IN DUPLICATE Will be received by the undersigned until 1 o'clock P. M., THURSDAY, 28th inst., for the use of the U. S. Army, the following articles:
2,000 pounds of CUT LOAF SUGAR, in new barrels, full head lined.
5,040 cans of CONDENSED MILK, Eagle brand.
1,000 pounds of CREAM CRACKERS, to be packed in the boxes, of 20 pounds each.
2,000 pounds of EDINBURGH CRACKERS, to be packed in the boxes, of 20 pounds each.
8,000 pounds of WINE CRACKERS, to be packed in the boxes, of 25 pounds each.
1,000 pounds of SODA CRACKERS, to be packed in the boxes, of 25 pounds each.
1,000 pounds of MILK CRACKERS, to be packed in the boxes, of 25 pounds each.
5,000 pounds of DRIED CODFISH, to be packed in boxes, of 50 pounds each.
400 cans of CAKES OF TOILET SOAP, assorted, to be in cases and wrapping.
Tender specimens of the Tobacco, now received for inspection shipment. The manner of making bids, requirements of bidders, &c., same as stated in previous advertisements from this office.
W. W. BURNS,
Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and C. S. U. S. A.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,
BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK, No. 31 Chambers-st.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Receiver of Taxes, will be at his office at ANDREW J. SMITH, Esq., Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 122 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, from the date hereof, to be found at said office.
Be pleased to inform the said Attorney or the undersigned in each instance of payment of taxes, when first demanded, if any such taxes are demanded, will have legal authority to collect the amount included therein, and all warrants heretofore issued to enforce the payment of taxes will be returned to the Treasury Department.—Dated New-York, Jan. 19, 1869.
BERNARD BETTE, Receiver.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF MILTON A. FOWLER, Surrogate of Ulster County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of ROBERT PARKER, late of the town of Red Rock, in said county, deceased, are required to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to the undersigned, Dexter Reynolds, Executor of said estate, at the residence in the City of Albany, on or before the first day of March next, or in default thereof they will be debarred and precluded from payment by said Executor out of said estate.—Dated this 12th day of September, 1868.
DEXTER REYNOLDS,
Executor of said estate.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the limited partnership of D. J. & W. KING & BELLENDER, composed of the undersigned, as general and special partners, is dissolved by mutual consent.—Dated New-York, June 4, 1868.
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DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF MANHATTAN INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 68 WALL-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent., payable on demand.
GEO. B. HODGDON, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868.
The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.
A DIVIDEND of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in common stock, on and after Jan. 20, upon the holders of record, or they may at their option have the amount of the dividend in cash, payable at the office of the Company on the 4th of February next. All payable at the office.
All orders for dividends must be addressed and endorsed at the office above named, which the bids will be opened.
J. C. BLEDGE, Treasurer.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
OFFICE EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE per Cent., payable on demand, free of United States tax.
HENRY KIP, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
HOWARD BUILDING, No. 58 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.
A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF FORTY PER CENT., free of Government tax, on the business of the year ending Dec. 31, 1868, for which certificates will be issued April 5.
Six per Cent. interest on all outstanding scrip will be paid on and after Feb. 5, at the office of the Company, upon surrender of the Scrip.
Scrip of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed in cash.
THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY CO.,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1869.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE and a Half per Cent. has been declared by the Company, payable on and after the 20th inst., to the stockholders holding certificates issued at New-York will be paid at the office of the United States Trust Company, No. 45 Wall-st., New-York.
The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Jan. 16 until Feb. 2.
By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE
ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN PETROLEUM CO.,
No. 122 BOWERY, CORNER OF GRAND-ST.
A DIVIDEND OF TEN (10) PER CENT. HAS this day been declared out of the profits of the past three months, payable on the 1st of February.
W. A. HALL, Treasurer.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.

OFFICE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
BROADWAY, Jan. 14, 1869.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on and after Feb. 1.
JOHN C. MILLS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

BUFFALO AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, BUFFALO, Jan. 12, 1869.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a cash dividend of Four Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company on and after the 1st day of February next. The transfer books will be closed on the 21st inst., and reopened on the 2d of February.
GEO. H. CHASE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of 8 (Five) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
WM. RAYNOR, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 142 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable on demand.
A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 116 BROADWAY, New-York, Jan. 5, 1869.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand.
WM. J. HUGHES, Secretary.

ORIENTAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1869.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. Has this day been declared (free from all tax.) payable on the 1st of February.
The transfer books will remain closed until that date.
HENRY T. CHAPMAN, Jr., Cashier.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. upon its capital, payable to its stockholders or to their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, the 14th inst.
CYRUS PEUSE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 156 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.
THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on 19th inst.
WILLIAM POTT, Jr., Acting Secretary.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 111 LIBERTY-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on and after 1st of February next.
Transfer books will remain closed until 24 of February.
E. J. SOUTHWAYK, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FULTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of Five Per Cent., payable on demand, free of Government tax.
JAMES M. HARRIS, Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of February next.
BUCK, Cashier.

CORN EXCHANGE BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 18, 1869.
A HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND OF FIVE per Cent. will be paid at the banking-house on and after Feb. 1 next. The transfer books will be closed from 23d inst. to 1st prox.
W. A. FALLS, Cashier.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 186 BROADWAY, Jan. 18, 1869.
THIRTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent., free from tax, payable on and after Feb. 1.
JOHN WEAD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, JAN. 11, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of MACKENZIE, HENRY & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
JAMES B. MACKENZIE,
CHAS. A. HENRY,
EBENEZER LOSEE.
JAN. 20, 1869.

THIS DAY, CLARENCE A. BEWLEY OF New-York, retires from firm of FREDERIC GALLIEN, of Liverpool, is admitted to partnership in our foreign firm.
BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

COPARTNERSHIP.—WE HAVE THIS DAY TAKEN R. COMSTOCK, FRANKLIN LEE and JOHN WILLIAMS into partnership.
Style of the firm remains unchanged.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869. WM. YOUNG & CO.

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FOR SALE.—A PRETTY BLACK MARE, 14½ hands high. To be seen at Sharpe's stable, 48th-st., between 6th and 7th ave. Price $300.

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Also, on the streets adjacent to the proposed widening of Lafayette-st.
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They also offer a large corner on Broome-st., near Bowery, containing over 4,000 square feet.
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FIRST-AV., BELOW 11TH-ST.—Three-story high stoop, 25x65, lot 25x65.
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Also, a number of other desirable and very desirable locations.
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2D-AV. NEAR 21ST-ST.—Three-story brick stores and dwellings, with 2 adjoining lots—valuable and paying property.
CHERRY AND GRAND STS.—3 three-story brick buildings, fronting on Grand-st., 4 dwellings on Cherry, valuable for either occupation or investment.
9TH-AV. AND 16TH-ST.—Four-story brick factory, with two-story brick store and dwelling. Factory lot, 50x81; store lot, 25x81.
LOTS FOR SALE.
16 on Avenue C, Brooklyn, 16th and 17th sts.
2 on 10th-st., near 2d-ave., 25x100 each.
28 on 11th-av., 12th and 13th sts.
16 on 9th-av. and 73d-st.
20 on 42d-st., near Ninth-ave.
With many other lots on Lexington, 4th, Madison, 5th ave., and on Boulevard, Central, Morningside and Riverside Parks.
WATER FRONTS.
6 valuable water fronts, contain as much a large number of lots on the East and North Rivers.
HOUSES TO LET, FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED.
Several desirable residences finely located in 23d, 40th and other up-town streets and Brooklyn.
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THE BIRTHDAY OF BURNS.

Annual Festivities of the Burns Society.

The anniversary of the birth of Scotland's greatest poet—Burns—was celebrated last evening by a banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel, which was partaken of by about 400 gentlemen and 20 ladies. It has been customary heretofore to confine these celebrations to gentlemen only, but on this occasion the ladies were invited to take part, and accordingly a number of them graced the banquet hall with their presence. The cards of invitation, which were of somewhat peculiar design, were got up with reference to this innovation on established custom, and read as follows:

"Poets are dunes—Burns' Natal Festival. Jupiter Ammon alone does.

"We'ge ale a night's discharge to care,
"If we for rather,
An' has a swap o'rhymin ware,
"Wi' him auther.

Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD presided, and among the prominent gentlemen present were Mr. James S. Thayer, Ex-Judge Whiting, S. G. Courtney, Wm. C. Bryant, Horace Greeley, Judge Jones, District-Attorney Bryant, Rev. Dr. Chapin, A. S. Sullivan, Dr. Sayre, Dr. J. B. Buchanan, J. Fowler, Jr., Geo. J. G. Wilson, Geo. Shea, Wm. Ross Wallace, and F. O. Tribulus.

After partaking of such a banquet as the Messrs. TRELEAS no will know how to provide—the Chairman, with a brief reference to the occasion why had met to celebrate, announced as the first regular toast, "The President of the United States," the band playing "Hail to the Chief." Both this and the second toast, "The Queen of Britain and Ireland," were unresponded to.

The third toast was "The Memory of Robbie Burns," which was drank standing and in silence.

RESPONSE OF MR. JAS. S. THAYER.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: In commemorating the events that fill the calendar of the year, I do not think you can frame in our language a sentiment that would penetrate deeper, or vibrate wider through the chords of human sympathy and regards than the one, Mr. President, we have just announced—"the memory of Robbie Burns." There is no depth of feeling the power of his genius did not fathom; there is no passion nor emotion in the wide and varied experience of human life, that its rays did not reach and illustrate. From the cradle to the grave, from the one to the other shore of the ocean of life on which we are tossed, the waves that beat on our weal a softer and brighter nod, a richer and warmer glow from the star that rose one hundred and ten years ago over the humble birthplace of Robbie Burns, than from any of those majestic and full-orbed suns that burn in the highest heaven of poetic fame. It is often and that those whose office it is to instruct and guide us in the paths of religious duty, fail in their object because their teachings are too far removed from the earth—abstract, doctrinal and transcendental. They do not come down to the everyday wants and wants of life. If it is every-thing in religion to bring home to every human heart its hopes and consolation, was it not something, in poetry, to approach and take possession for the first time of the universal heart of man? And was it not a marvel, indeed, that the hard, rough hand of a plowman was the first to gather in bond of noble sympathy and respect all the strong and delicate threads of the heart, and by the inspiration of his genius to send round the circuit of all humanity the electric thrill that unites in a brotherhood of feeling and thought all who read and speak the Engish tongue? Burns did this. The heart answers to heart, all the world over is the secret of his power—that nothing that is human was foreign to his own nature, was the argument on which he talk. Behold the structure! As the eye ranges along the sides of the mountain sacred to the muses, there are lofty temples—and beneath the sculptured stones are shattering and that nitrement them, the annointed kings of poetry are enthroned, and hold their court and their revel. They shine in purple all their own, and bear undisputed away in the domain of epic and dramatic verse. But the votaries who throng these heights do not pass unnoticed the imperishable fabric of our land. It is not constructed in the proportioned and fashioned from the ancient models. The names and works of classic art and beauty do not line its porticoes or crowd its niches. Nor do ancestral trophies or armorial bearings adorn its walls. Nor is it planted on that grand summit where you can look out and breathe in the face of the sun. But you can do better than this. You can call the sunny slope where it stands, breathe the cool and healthy air that gives beauty, strength and vitality to man and nature in all their varied forms and aspects. The poetry of Burns, genial, home-like, not only excites and stirs all the strong emotions of the heart of a lawful pleasure, and ardent and enthusiastic enjoyment; but when the first wild, passionate enjoyment is passed, a soothing and subduing wave of melody sinks sweetly and slowly to a calm. The genius of Burns is conspicuous, perhaps, more in this than in anything else, that while his character is distinct and positive, and excites our interest and sympathy in the highest degree, he seldom sketches his own imagine. Burns is the hero of his best poems. If Burns in his poetry expressed his own joy or sorrow, it is not the act of an individual, but the joy and grief of the human heart, the world over and in all times. And if he blends himself with his poetry, it is because he is so much a child of nature that his own portrait is often the best delineation that could be given of human life and character. And there is a reason for this, as there is for all things true and genuine. His character and poetry rest on the same basis—thorough, honest conviction, earnestness, sincerity. These qualities cannot make a man a poet; but born a poet, they make him a man, and inspired by the highest poetic genius, the noblest, most strong man; the highest type of the ideal and the man in all. He loves what they love, and rejects what they condemn—with a sincerity that enlists their sympathy, with an intensity and power that commands their homage. Thus the common mind fires upon a standard of excellence—of worth, not only because it is high, elevated—something to be looked up to, to worship—but because it grows out of the earth; its roots work into it. They can lean against it and rest under it. There are peasants, garments and royal robes to fit every human form that erect and stately bears the impress of God's truth and sincerity. For things not genuine and sincere, no matter of what vogue, Burns had a hard unchanging. He could not abide cant in religion, profession in social life, affectation anywhere. But what shall we say of his errors and his faults? I shall not stop to criticise. He who has made every man's life better and nobler should not be severely judged, because the power was not given to him of "wisely guiding his own." Coleridge says in his Aids to Reflection, "Moral reflection—that neither thou nor we, good reader, had any hand in the making of this MELANCHOLY—that we know but we had objected in our wisdom! But it was the Upper Powers that made him without once consulting us; they and not we, and not otherwise." Burns was a great poet, a true man—wending on the broad and even plain of life close by the side of his fellow man, struggling and rolling with him in its every day trials and temptations, he lifted up the whole mass to a higher level, to a nobler destiny, and from his warm, loving, trustful soul, comprehending and embracing all he poured over every path and byway of man's existence a light that, brightening along the future, will give joy and hope to all the generations of mankind. The birthday of Burns is celebrated in every land, and wherever it is observed throughout our own country, in distant continents, and in the far off islands of the sea, in no place do more devoted admirers, with warmer hearts than ours, bring their offerings to the shrine of his genius. Fairer faces and brighter smiles do not anywhere grace our festive board. And in another respect we are fortunate, that while to-night the memory of Burns is enshrined in our inmost hearts as the Chief of Scottish Bards, it is our peculiar privilege to greet with a proud and hallowed remembrance the greatest of American poets. The greatest, I say, now because he is here, but because he is the greatest. Our regret we have, that our Bard has been so occupied with the every-day prose of life, that the melody which always enchants his country and the world has been so seldom awakened from the neglected strings of the harp that has long ago turned to a lofty strain of poetic thought and beauty.

HORACE B. PERKINS responded to the toast, "Our Country."

The toast, "The Land of Oaks," was answered by S. G. COURTNEY, who alluded to the romantic and heroic reminiscences with which the name of Scotland is associated, the names of WALLACE, BURNS, and BRUCE, and the field, too, of philosophy, distinguished by REID, STEWART, BROWN, and HAMILTON.

The toast, "Auld Lang Syne," was followed by the song, in which all present joined, and then by a response from Mr. HORACE GREELEY. "We look back," he said, "on a long array of human efforts and human achievements. What would England be without Scotland? The question is not one of pride, but of worth. So with Scotland, by what she has to try so many of us trace our ancestry. It was gifted, ennobled by the genius of BURNS. We are a nation more by our recollections than by any other tie. The memory of the patriotism of WALLACE and the other heroes of the Revolution almost cause the hands of hostile sections to join in a more friendly grasp. There is hope that the memory of 'Auld Lang Syne' will kindle a new patriotism, which will recognize as all as heirs of one common hope and fellow-citizens of one common country."

The seventh toast, "Minstrelsy," was responded to by WM. C. BRYANT, Esq.

RESPONSE OF MR. BRYANT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I am called up to respond to a toast in honor of the poets. I hope that none who are present—especially the ladies, whose presence I see, and to the graces this festival—will say to themselves, "This is much as if a toast to the musical composers of the age were to be answered by an organ-grinder; or a toast in honor of our gallant navy were to be acknowledged with thanks by a cabin-boy, or the personage called a powder-monkey." I beg the company not to let their minds wander after such fancies, but to consider that I must obey the President, the supreme authority of the evening, and do the best I can. And, certainly, I must be proud of being required to speak in the name of so vast a brotherhood, the poets of the age in which we live—not those of our own country merely—several of whom are favorites wherever our language is spoken, but those of the whole world, the poets of the British isles, whose warble in Dutch or German; the western of verse in soft Italian and in grandiloquent Spanish; the lands of Scandinavia and Russia, to say nothing of those of Persia and India. I wonder how they would look if they could be all brought together, with their "eyes in a fine frenzy rolling," and some of their number, I fear, badly out as shown. What would the merchants of Wall-street think of them if they were marched in procession through that quarter of the city? If an army of stockjobbers could be mustered, and another of backmatters, and a third of poets, to which of the other two would the troop of poets seem, by their demeanor, to be most nearly related? To that question, I fear, I could not give an impartial answer. It is most fitting that the poets of the present time should be remembered, when we celebrate the memory of BURNS, for there are none among them who belong to English literature, or are acquainted with the English language, who will not confess their great obligations to the Scottish poet. BURNS was one of those who, in an age of formalism in poetry, of cold and feeble imitative and parrot-like repetition, first led the way back to truth and nature, and those who have come after him have followed in his path. He taught the poet to gather his images from nature at first hand; to discern fresh analogies between the moral and natural world, and to clothe strong emotions in unborrowed words, which carried them directly to the heart. They who make the sciences their pursuit have one great advantage over those who devote themselves to what are called the fine arts, including poetry. The mathematician builds upon the foundation of those who went before him, and carries his science farther than they. The latest great astronomer sweeps the sky with the telescope, discovers new planets, explores new regions of the universe, and eclipses the glory of his predecessors. FRANKLIN's discoveries in electricity threw those of preceding philosophers into the shade, and now the inventor of the electric telegraph leaves FRANKLIN at a distance behind him. But it is not so with the fine arts. There is no epic poem which the critics place beside the great work of HOMER. Who will ever write like SHAKESPEARE? It is almost impossible, I think, for a poet of the present day to read over one of the finest things of BURNS without feeling how far to equal it, and without saying, as he lays it down, "this is unapproachable." But there is one consolation for the poets of the present age, particularly for those who write in the English language. If they cannot surpass their predecessors in the beauty or sublimity of their productions, yet they have a wider range for imagination, to move the heart, they at least write for a far more numerous circle of readers than those of former days could possibly have in the time when they flourished. The populous post now finds millions of readers where the earlier poets might have found only thousands, and enjoys in his lifetime the fame which, in former ages, was bestowed tardily. Let us, then, have a good word for the readers of poetry, without whom the artifices of verse, however great his genius, is like a stranded whale. The Readers of Poetry—long live to them, and large increase of numbers.

The toast, "The Advocate," should have been responded to by Judge CARDOZO; but he was absent; and the next toast was "Woman," which was the theme of some remarks by Rev. Dr. CHAPIN. He thought there was little need for his speaking for one so ready to speak for herself. The ten-minute rule precluded a luminous or voluminous address. An original, if entitled, would be unjust; if complimentary, would be superfluous. There was something peculiarly appropriate in the presence of women at this festival, because of the powerful influence which women had exerted on BURNS. Woman's great power, not only over BURNS, but over all mankind, is the mighty power of the affections. The remaining toasts were: "The Press," responded to by Mr. ROBERTS ROSCOE; "The Cotter's Saturday Night," responded to by A. S. SULLIVAN; "Death and Dr. Hornbook," responded to by Dr. HAYES; "Highland Mary," by J. FOWLER, Jr.; "The Memory of Tam-Groshe Halleck," by Gen. J. G. Wilson; "Bannockburn," by WM. C. RAIN, and "Scottish Hospitality," by J. M. HOMMERSON. Poems were read by S. W. COOPER and WM. ROSS WALLACE.

At midnight the ladies left the banqueting hall, but the gentlemen did not separate until a much later hour.

Thirty-fourth Annual Dinner of the Burns Club of the City of New-York.

The one hundredth and ninth anniversary of the birthday of ROBERT BURNS was last evening celebrated by the Burns Club of the City of New-York by a dinner at Farmer's Pacific Hotel. This was the thirty-fourth annual dinner of the Club. One hundred sat down to the tables. The walls of the dining-room were hung with flags—the St. Andrew's Cross, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack, and a fine portrait of BURNS overlooked the festivity from above the President's chair. On the wall to the right was a painting of BURNS' birthplace—a thatched cottage; next a scene from the "Cotter's Saturday Night," and on the left, the Brae (or bridge) of Doon, with BURNS' monument in the distance; also a spirited painting of "TAM O'SHANTER," as he leaps the stream, the mare's tail being left in the witches' hand. At the lower end of the room a large painting represented the genius of Poetry finding BURNS at the plow.

JAMES HOMMERSON, Esq., who has been the President of the Club since the centenary celebration, presided over the festive board. After grace had been said by Vice-President R. G. MILLARD, BURNS' "Address to the Haggis" was delivered by Mr. THOMAS HOMMERSON.

The banquet having received due attention, the cloth was removed, and the President announced the first toast, "The day we celebrate." They had come, he said, with the same feelings and the same appreciation of the poetry of BURNS as in years gone by. He congratulated the Society that that their example would be followed by a similar celebration at the Metropolitan Hotel. The Club during the past year had been very prosperous, with an increase in members upon the roll. In no country on the world was the genius of BURNS more honored than in America. The toast was drank with all the honors, and Mr. JAMES GIBSON followed with the song:

"There was a lad was born in Kyle."

In proposing the second toast, "The Genius of Burns," the President referred to what that genius had done for humanity. It was enshrined in every heart and stamped indelibly upon every memory, and the influence of his writings was extending and strengthening to-day, and would continue to extend and strengthen for generations. The poet's fame out-lived all other. The voice of Scotland's poet came to them not less sweetly because they lived not in the land that gave him birth; they loved that voice just as sordidly as those who wandered by the Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon. As a Scotsman, he could ask, Where was that voice not heard? They loved BURNS not only for the sweetness of his songs, but for the lessons of wisdom and manly independence which he had taught. He was the champion of truth; the hater of falsehood. That declaration of independence would ring through all time,

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
"The man's the gowd for a' that."

His teachings had done more to break down the barrier of rank, perhaps, than those of any other man. He felt like quoting freely from the plowboy poet, but their hearts, he knew, were babbling over with his poetry. BURNS was not so much a memory of the past as a present living power. They more honored the genius of BURNS in having within them the thought that fired his breast, as manna in giving expression to words that burned. In the language of MOORE, they would

"Take a flight toward Heaven to-night,
"And leave dull earth behind us."

The toast would be received with Highland honors. As some might not know precisely what these were he would explain by example that it was with one foot on the chair and the other on the table. The toast was thus drank with "Hip, hip, hip, hurrah!" nine times, and three more.

Capt. JOHN KEAN then sang "A man's a man for a' that," and Miss MINA GRANT sang "John Anderson, My Jo," which was encored.

R. G. MILLARD, the Vice-President, proposed the third regular toast, "America." It was responded to in a humorous vein by Dr. ROBINSON who, in conclusion, referred to the equality of man as the great American idea.

Mr. GEO. WALCOTT followed with the song, "Vive l'America."

The fourth regular toast was "Scotland." Responded to by Mr. CHARLES REMIN, who referred to the several nationalities represented on the occasion. Miss GRANT then sang, "Twas within a mile of Edinburgh town," and being encored, gave "The Last Rose of Summer."

The fifth toast was, "The Poets and Poetry of Great Britain and Ireland." Responded to by Prof. MCKENNA. Song, by Mr. JAMES D. HUNSON. Miss GRANT also sang "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Hall."

The sixth toast, "The Poets and Poetry of America," was to have been responded to by Gen. DE PEYSTER, but owing to illness he sent a communication which was read by the President. "The Sword of Bunker Hill," was sung by Mr. JAMES GIBSON.

The President announced the seventh toast, "Sister Societies," and read telegrams from various cities, where Burns Clubs are established.

Then from Washington, D. C., was as follows:

"Kindred spirits—Your love and homage never fade. But joy and mirth fill all the land."

GEO. W. HALLOUN, President.

From the Jersey City Burns Club:

"The politics of BURNS, as mirrored at present in our American institutions, where honest worth can rise above the arrogance of wealth without merit."

From the Newark Burns Club:

"The Peasant Bard of Scotland—His name will live while the humble heart has a single chord to respond to the touch of genius."

From the Philadelphia, the Charleston, S. C., and the Williamsburg Burns Clubs telegrams were also received.

The next toast, "The Press," was responded to by Mr. MCCARTY.

The eighth and last toast, "The Lasses," was responded to by Mr. J. HARVEY LYONS.

The festivities were kept up until a late hour.

Fire Department Ball.

The fortieth annual ball of the old Volunteer Fire Department was given last night at the Academy of Music, and was attended by the usual brilliant concourse. Sixteen hundred tickets had been issued and sold, each admitting a gentleman and two ladies. The net proceeds were about $6,000, the same amount that was obtained last year. The stage was handsomely canopied with white canvas, upon which rich architectural designs were painted, and at the back was a beautiful scene representing a lake and its picturesque shores. This was fronted by a balcony, accended by means of a flight of stairs on each side. In advance of this balcony a series of gas jets represented a fire garland. So invitations had been issued, as usual, to the President and to Gov. HOFFMAN and Mayor HALL. The usual array of military and civil guests were present. The ball is too old and popular an institution to need filling up through invitations. Numerous families attend it regularly every year as a habit, which they would not think of breaking. Mr. JAMES F. WENMAN is the present President of the Association, and the managers constitute a numerous list of valid citizens. The permanent fund of the department is $100,000, obtained years ago by subscriptions, balls and other entertainments. The interest of this, added to the funds accruing from balls of more modern date, secures to aid from two to three hundred widows and orphans of firemen. Widows, if able to work, or having other means of support, receive from the department $25 a year, added to two tons of shoes and two tons of coal. If destitute and helpless $6 a week is given them. Children are provided for at lower figures.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 25.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. GERRY—Providing that Avenue C Railroad may extend its track from Avenue C, through Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, to Avenue A, and through Twenty-third-street to East River. Also, from Avenue C along Tenth-street to East River. Also, along said avenue to Tenth-street, and to Sixth-avenue, to Christopher, West and Bedford-stream. Also, from Washington along West Houston to West-street. Also, from Greenwich along Charlton to West-street.

By Mr. CHESEBRO—For a free bridge across the Susquehanna River between Union and Vestal.

By Mr. FOLGER—Providing that after making any will, disposing of a whole estate of testator or testatrix, such person shall marry and have issue of such marriage, the will shall be revoked, and unless provision shall have been made for such issue by some settlement and provided for in the will, or in such way as to show an intention not to make such provision, and no other evidence to rebut the presumption of such a revocation shall be received.

By Mr. FOLGER—Providing for the revision, codification and amendment of the laws relating to the canals and canal fund, and the powers and duties of the several officers employed in the administration thereof.

The Senate then adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

In the Assembly, Mr. DEBOSE presented a petition of the citizens of the Ninth and Sixteenth Wards, for a new market building.

The Speaker presented the annual report of the Metropolitan Board of Health.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. POWER—To close a portion of Water-street, from Union-avenue to Ash-street, Brooklyn.

By Mr. JACOBS—To close the old Atlantic Turnpike, between Atlantic and Franklin avenues, in Brooklyn. Also, to close part of Hunterly Road, Brooklyn.

By Mr. AVERY—In relation to transmitting to the Secretary of State all records of conviction in criminal cases, the preserving and transfer of certificates of convictions, and other information relating to criminal convictions. Also directing the Utica, Chenango and Susquehanna Valley Railroad to extend their tracks to Oneonta, and extending the time for bending the towns along the line of said road.

By Mr. HASBROUCK—To facilitate the construction of the New-York Atlantic Railroad.

By Mr. WOLFMAN—To regulate the manner of making arrests for violation of the Excise law in the Metropolitan District.

By Mr. KILLIAN—For the settlement of the claim of the Seneca Cheesetine Stockbridge, an Indian, for lands in Onondaga County.

By Mr. SMITH—To release lands devised by MARY HILLOCK, of Lima, Livingston County.

Mr. DEBOSE called up his resolution directing the Committee on State Prisons to obtain from the Comptroller of the State and Prison Inspectors the names of all persons or parties having contracts for the use of State prison labor, the amount of money to be paid, number of hours worked each day, character of work performed, duration of such contracts, manner of awarding them, together with what action has been taken in annulling, buying up and discontinuing any contracts whatever. Referred to the Committee on State Prisons.

By Mr. KERNAN, the following:

Whereas, The interests, prosperity and future greatness of the City of New-York demand that every approach by water to its harbors and docks should be made safe and navigable to the commerce of the United States; and

Whereas, All the citizens of the Empire State have an equal interest in the early accomplishment of this object, therefore

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That our Representative in Congress be requested to aid by their influence in obtaining such appropriation by the National Government as may be necessary to wholly remove the obstructions to commerce from what is known as Hell Gate channel.

Debated.

By Mr. JACOBS—Directing the Board of Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of New-York to inform the House, before the 1st of February, what amount of money they have received since their organization, from what sources received and how applied.

Adjourned.

Free and Open Church Association.

The members of this Association, with others favorable to the free-seat system, held a public meeting in the lecture-room of St. Ann's Church, in Eighteenth-street, last evening. Rev. Dr. GALLAGHER, the pastor of the Church, was selected to preside, and, after the singing of a hymn and prayer, gave a brief outline of the working of the free system in the church of which he has charge. Originally Christ's Church, and belonging to Dr. COMBE's congregation, the congregation of St. Ann's got possession of it with an overhanging debt of $80,000, secured by a mortgage on the property. During those nine years, with nothing to rely upon except voluntary contributions, they had not only succeeded in defraying the annual expenses of the church, but also in discharging $37,000 of that debt, leaving a balance of only $13,000 remaining, and to cover which they had prospective legacies. His Church had ever been free, and though his first ideas in relation to this subject were derived from an unwillingness to have the poor compelled to accept secondary accommodations, yet his experience had led his reflection to had grown to be a fixed principle, religious as well as moral. He then introduced Mr. COURTS, of St. Mary's Free Church, Brooklyn, and President of the Association, who gave an interesting statement of its origin and progress up to the present time.

Dr. J. PRENTICE, of St. Philip's, and Dr. GRAY, of St. Timothy's Church, followed in a similar vein, in official addresses on the same subject, in which both pronounced the free system in the churches over which they had charge a complete success; explained the system of furnishing to each member in advance the seat for each Sunday in the year at its commencement by which means the rich and strangers each hold both their voluntary contribution—the rich without ostentation, and the poor without mortification. Neither had ever experienced delay or disappointment in the receipt of their stated salaries, and a great stumbling block was taken out of their way in going among the poor to invite them to the house of God.

A minister could not go about peddling pews, he was shut up at once, and alone felt conscious of right and sincerity when able to tender to them the Gospel of Christ without money and without price. After some further remarks by other members of the meeting, some few responded to the invitation of the President and joined the Association, and the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

Great inconvenience was experienced in the lower part of the City yesterday, for the want of the Croton water, which has been completely turned off since Saturday night. We learn that it was unavoidable, as it was necessary to make some repairs at the corner of Sixth-street and First-avenue. The scarcity of water was felt all over the east side of the City. The people came even from below Canal-street to Police Headquarters bringing pails, pots, kettles, pans and everything they could find available for holding water, which was supplied from the cellar of Police Headquarters.

The horses attached to Broadway stage No. 602, of the Bleecker-street line, became frightened at the foot of Cortlandt-street and dashed through the ferry gate with the vehicle, which contained five female and two male passengers. They would doubtless have leaped into the slip but for the courage displayed by Officer TWOMEY of the Twenty-fourth Precinct, who seized the horses heads and checked them, sustaining severe bruises in consequence.

Coroner ROLLINS was notified to hold an inquest yesterday over the remains of JOHN FROST, aged 48, and a native of Germany, who was run over a few days ago on the corner of Oliver and Water streets, by a Second-avenue car and had a leg fractured. Death occurred at Bellevue Hospital yesterday.

ALBERT STRAUSS, a German, residing at No. 194 Hester-street, yesterday afternoon attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself to a bed-post with his handkerchief. He was discovered by his wife, who gave the alarm, and he was immediately cut down by Officer RANDALL of the Fourteenth Precinct, and removed to the Spring-street Station-house, where his vitality was soon completely restored. He gave as a reason for his attempt upon his life that he had become despondent in consequence of his inability to obtain work. It also appeared that shortly before he made the attempt he had a difficulty of some kind with his wife.

The two junior HANLON brothers have opened a velocipede school at No. 65 Tenth-street, east of Broadway, and gave an initatory exhibition last night, when Mr. Eugene Hanlon, a skeleton, exhibited velocipedists rode repeatedly round the hall, and showed great dexterity in the management of their machines. A large number of invited spectators were present, many of whom attempted riding but without the slightest success.

JEREMIE WILSON, of No. 101 Greene-street, died suddenly yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest and ascertained through a post-mortem examination by Dr. JOHNSON CUMMINGS and other physicians, that death was the result of disease of the liver. The deceased was 22 years of age, and a native of New-York State. She was under bail for trial on a charge of grand larceny.

WM. PARSONS, Esq., of Ireland, delivered his lecture on "SHERIDAN and THACKERAY" for the first time in America, last evening, at Tenor's Lyric Hall. His effort was appreciated and well received. The lecture was noticed and witty and some of the readings excellent.

Rev. Dr. BUTLER delivered his lecture, entitled "To the Rocky Mountains," last evening, at the Brick Church Mission Chapel, in West Thirty-fifth-street.

"Rhetoric, its History, Cultivation and Achievements," was the subject of Mr. MATTHEW F. BARRY's lecture last night at Dodworth's Hall. Mr. BARRY is a graduate of the Queen's University, Ireland. The audience filled the house and warmly applauded the lecturer, especially his eulogium of Irish orators.

TRENON'S Soirée Dansante at Lyric Hall, last evening, was a very social affair, and well attended. Dancing, supper and a lively time were its attractions.

Company I, Twelfth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., held a sociable hop last night at Apollo Hall. The company appeared in full dress uniform, and a large number of ladies graced the occasion. After the dancing the party adjourned to a tempting supper.

WILLIAM LOGGES, of No. 236 East Twenty-fifth-street, was taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday afternoon, suffering from injuries received last Wednesday, while he was at work in the wire factory at the corner of Twenty-second-street and Second-avenue.

PHILIP MCDUFF yesterday afternoon was assaulted in his shop in Fortieth-street, near Ninth-avenue, by JAMES MCDONALD, and severely injured about the head by blows from a hammer. McDUFF was removed to Bellevue Hospital by Officer WOODRUFF, of the Twentieth Precinct, and the assailant having been arrested, was committed to await the result of his victim's wounds.

Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest yesterday at No. 129 Greene-street, over the remains of PATRICK WHELEN, aged 34, and a native of Ireland whose death was the result of intemperance and hard usage. Deceased had been knocked down recently in a street brawl, but the Coroner could find no trace of injuries.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction have purchased Hart's Island of the General Government for $75,000. It is intended to use it as a "Potter's Field." The buildings erected by the General Government on the island during the war, and which still remain, are said to have cost over $100,000.

HANNAH BROWN, a colored woman, aged 80, was committed to the Penitentiary on the 16th ult. for some minor offence, but died in the hospital in that prison, on Sunday, from unknown causes. Coroner ROLLINS intends to hold the necessary investigation.

A fire occurred yesterday in an old frame building in One Hundred and Fifty-second-street, near Ninth-avenue, when it was entirely destroyed; loss, $1,000. The edifice belonged to the Carmen estate, and the flames are due to a defective flue.

COTTON ROBINSON, aged 65, and a resident of South Bergen, N. J., was seized with hemorrhage of the lungs yesterday, in Cortlandt-street, and removed to the New-York Hospital.

THOMAS COFFEY, of No. 149 Plymouth-street, Brooklyn, was severely injured yesterday afternoon by a beam falling on him while he was at work on Pier No. 11, North River. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

CORNELIUS DALY, who lives at the corner of Forty-eighth-street and Ninth-avenue, yesterday intended fall from a new building in Fifteenth-street, between Fifth and Sixth-avenues, and received severely hurt. He was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

MARGARET HOBBS, of No. 106 Cherry-street, was run over in James-slip yesterday afternoon by a truck driven by WILLIAM SHANKLIN. Her ankle was seriously hurt. The driver was arrested by the Fourth Precinct Police.

At 5:20 P. M. yesterday a fire was caused in the store of MRS. WOLFRIED, No. 126 Third-avenue, by some goods coming in contact with the gas-jet in the window. Damage slight.

The fire at 4 P. M., in the apartment of EDWARD MOONAN, on the fifth floor of the tenement house, No. 344 East Twenty-third-street, was caused by an overheated stove and did but slight damage.

A child playing with matches yesterday afternoon, in the apartment of FRANCIS O'NEILL, on the first floor of No. 158 Mott-street, caused an alarm of fire by igniting some clothing. The damage was slight.

At 9 P. M. a fire was discovered in the cellar of the store of O. D. CASE, No. 344 Bowery. It was quickly extinguished and the damage of $100 was caused almost exclusively by smoke.

A slight fire occurred yesterday at No. 197 Orchard-street in the stable of JOHN REIEN, and the shoemaker-shop of CHRISTIAN SCHAEFFER, Loss $200.

Brooklyn.

A two-story frame house in the rear of No. 203 Sands-street was found to be on fire shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The house is occupied by six families. JEREMIAH WHELAN and his wife ELLEN went to bed on Sunday night in a doubtful condition; left the candle burning upon a washstand, and in some way the light communicated with the bedding, which caught fire. The smell of the smoke attracted Policeman CLARY, of the Forty-second Precinct, to the spot just in time to save the lives of WHELAN and his wife, and a boarder named MICHAEL MURPHY. The two former were severely burned, and were taken to the City Hospital. The flames were extinguished by the neighbors, the damage to the house and furniture amounting to about $100.

The Coroner's inquest on the bodies of the two children who were suffocated at the fire No. 65 North Fourth-street, E. D., on the morning of the 20th inst., was concluded last night. The jury rendered the following verdict: "That the two children, WILLIAM and EMMA THOMAS, came to their death from suffocation by smoke from the burning of the building No. 65 North Fourth-street at the time stated, and said fire was the work of an unknown incendiary; and we find that the means of escape, in case of fire, were insufficient." The jury thank officer EDWARD BROWN for his gallant conduct on the morning of the fire.

Officer HOLLAND, of the Forty-fifth Precinct, last evening, arrested WM. EDWARDS on a charge of attempting his the officer's life. It appears that the prisoner and two companions were standing in front of JACOB MONCH's jewelry store, in Grand-street, E. D., acting in a suspicious manner. The officer having observed their conduct, went up to them and attempted to arrest them, when EDWARDS drew a navy revolver upon him, and endeavored to shoot him. The officer disarmed him, however, and took him to the station-house, where a threatening knife was found on his person. The two companions of the prisoner made their escape in a butcher's cart. The vigilance of the officer undoubtedly prevented the robbery of Mr. MONCH's store.

Bishop ODENHEIMER, of New-Jersey, is to preach the sermon at the consecration of Bishop LEYCESTER. The other Bishops who are to be present on the occasion are those of New-York, Western New-York, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Pittsburgh, Maine and Oregon. The arrangements for the ceremony are all completed. The service will commence in the Church of Holy Trinity at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Dr. A. NELSON BELZ will read a paper on the "Flowers of the Sea" before the Long Island Historical Society this evening.

A petition from thirty-seven responsible citizens of East New-York was received by the Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon, praying for annexation to the City of Brooklyn.

There will be a temperance meeting in the Church on the Heights this evening, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. Drs. EDDY and CUYLER.

New-Jersey.

At about 6 o'clock last evening, upon the arrival of the train from Newark at the New-Jersey Depot, in Jersey City, Mr. STEWART A. COOPER, a passenger, was robbed of a valuable gold watch and chain while passing out of the car. The operations of the thief were witnessed by another passenger, who seized him, and, with the help of others, detained him until an officer could be called. The watch, however, had disappeared into the hands, it is supposed, of an accomplice. The thief was taken to the Police Station, where he gave his name as MICHAEL WALTERS. He was held for examination.

A man named JAMES KENNEDY was arrested for drunkenness, by Officer BERGEN, in Jersey City, last evening, and his condition being altogether too much impeded for easy locomotion, in attempting to remove him from the Station-house, the officer encountered a severe opposition from a number of men who were in the prisoner's company. By the aid of several citizens, however, the prisoner was taken out of the hands of the mob and conveyed to the Station-house, together with JAMES DOLAN, one of his attempted rescuers, who was committed to answer the charge of assaulting an officer.

The case of YORK vs. VANDERMARK, an action brought to recover damages for illegal arrest, was concluded in the Hudson County Court, before Judge BEASLY, yesterday, by the jury bringing a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff was arrested in September last while engaged in an effort to remove the hulk of a vessel, owned by him, from the sunken lands of the defendant, Mr. VANDERMARK. The Court held that the action of the latter in arresting Mr. YORK for trespass upon his property was justifiable, and the jury were, therefore, directed to bring in a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case will be appealed.

The Newark and New-York Railroad Company leased from the State of New-Jersey, in the early part of 1867, certain lands in Hudson County, for a term of years, for which the annual rental was to be $5,000, which sum was to be paid on the first day of April of each year, or if any adverse claimant should appear, that the rents should be paid into the Supreme Court of the State until the title should be determined. On the first day of April, 1868, a demand was made by the Comptroller for the payment of the $5,000, but the Company have not yet, and do not seem disposed to pay. The subject has been referred to by the Comptroller in his annual report, but it is not known what action will be taken to recover payment.

A large deficiency is said to have been discovered in the accounts of the Fourth Collection District of New-Jersey, embracing Paterson, and a large number of blanks have been sent out from the Collector's office, demanding payment of taxes back as far as 1863. Many persons to whom these notices have been sent have lost their receipts, and there has been no little excitement among tax-payers. It appears upon investigation, that the deficiency occurred at the time when MR. JONES was Collector of the district, and Mr. C. M. K. PAULSON, District Deputy. As the services of these gentlemen are responsible men, the deficiency will, it is said, be paid over to the Government without delay.

The case of DONNELLY vs. WHELAN, which was tried at the October term, and the verdict of the jury set aside by the Court, came up for a new trial. The action was brought by the plaintiff to recover $100 from the defendant, who became surety with one RUSSELL SMITH for the payment of that sum for a team of mules. The jury at the last term brought in a verdict for the defendant, when a new trial was ordered. The verdict was given yesterday in favor of the plaintiff.

A serious accident occurred yesterday morning in Broad-street, Newark, to Mr. Brown, on Irvington milkman. He was about taking some milk into a house, when his horse took fright and started off; and in attempting to catch him was knocked down by the animal. The wheels of the cart ran over his body in the region of the abdomen, inflicting what it is feared will be serious injury. He was taken home.

Mr. JOSEPH HARTWOOD, a constable residing at East Newark, died suddenly on Saturday evening from heart disease. He had been on the day preceding attending to his duties in Court at Hudson City, and was then in good health. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a family.

A butcher doing business at No. 67 Tichenor-street, Newark, was arrested yesterday for having brutally assaulted a tenant named JOSEPH STARNER, and his wife. STARNER had a thumb nearly bitten off, and he is otherwise so severely injured that his life is despaired of. His wife also lies in a dangerous condition. The offending party and a man named JACOB LOWREY, an alleged accomplice, are in jail for the offence.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions at Newark, yesterday, JAMES TARLY, JOHN HOGG and JOHN D. HAWKES pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery. Tarly, in company with Hawkes and James McCARTHY, charged with the same offence, pleaded not guilty; FRANCIS A. BACON was tried and found guilty of larceny and receiving.

A German named LOUIS STRONG, whose name is translated "Corner Brown," was found guilty at the Passaic Sessions Court yesterday on a charge of having assaulted SOLOMON JOSEPHS, CHRISTIANA MILLER and EUGENE BUSH, convicted of larceny, were sentenced respectively to six and twelve months' imprisonment.

A number of new cars were taken through Jersey City yesterday, to be placed upon the tracks of the new Paterson Horse Railroad.

Mr. H. A. EMERY, a merchant, shot himself through the head, at his residence, in Clinton, a few days since. Financial difficulties are supposed to have been the cause.

The Newark and Clinton Horse Railroad is now in the hands of Mr. M. R. DEBOSE. The bondholders had foreclosed on the property. The road will be shortly in excellent running condition.

A DUEL WITH KNIVES.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning, a difficulty occurred in the French market between ANTONIO URIA, residing at No. 207 Old Lovee-street, and LEON GERVEMMAS, which resulted in an agreement to cross the river, and settle the matter in a duel with knives. The men met at a point a little back of the river, and just below Algiers. At almost the first pass with the dangerous weapons, Uria received a wound in the left side, and a slight one in the right breast. He was brought back to his resid